

Commissioners' Journal
November 7, 2023

The Geauga County Board of Commissioners met in session on November 7, 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 9:37 a.m. by leading the Board and audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Dvorak read the following prayer:

"In Honor of the Veterans"

*Every waving flag
Hand covered heart
And deeply felt prayer asking God to Bless America!*

*Is a declaration of thanks
To all those who have served*

*You've shown by example
What it truly means
To belong to the land of the Free and Home of the Brave*

*Every time I think of you
I give thanks, to God*

Amen

COMMISSIONERS OFFICE - COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

County Administrator Gerard Morgan reported on the items approved by the County Administrator on November 2, 2023 for the Department on Aging, per action on October 31, 2023 by the Board of Commissioners: Approved and executed the Western Reserve Area Agency on Aging Contract with the Geauga County Department on Aging for American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) for the period October 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 in the amount of \$153,901.00 (Adult Day Service ARPA-E \$70,500.00, Matter of Balance ARPA-D \$15,000.00 and Capital Assets – Transportation ARPA-B \$67,901.00), for Maintenance Accepted the resignation of Dave Alexander, Custodian I (#1906) to be effective November 10, 2023, Granted permission to advertise for the position of Custodian I (#1906), this position will remain posted until filled and approved an unpaid medical leave of absence for Joan Staley, Part-time General Communications Clerk / Switchboard Operator (#1912) for hours not covered by sick and vacation leave beginning October 31, 2023 through up to December 23, 2023, and on November 6, 2023 for a Liquor License, concurred with the Newbury Township Trustees in not requesting a hearing on the Liquor License being requested by New Berry Deli LLC d.b.a. New Berry Deli located at 11394 Kinsman Road, Newbury, Ohio (C NEW 6368187); 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.

MEETING MINUTES

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute the minutes for the meeting of October 17, 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 – CONTRACT AGREEMENT - W.B. MASON – OFFICE FURNITURE, HARDWARE AND INSTALLATION

Budget and Finance Manager Adrian Gorton asked the Board to approve a contract agreement with W.B. Mason for office furniture for a rework in an area at Job and Family Services.

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Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute the Contract Agreement with W.B. Mason to provide office furniture, hardware and installation services for a period of three (3) months effective November 7, 2023 in an amount not to exceed \$35,224.36.

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

MAINTENANCE – AMEND MOTION FROM SEPTEMBER 26, 2023 – INCLUDE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION – AWARD BID – DEANDRADE LANDSCAPE DESIGNS D.B.A. U.S. LAWNS – CLEVELAND EAST – SNOWPLOWING, SALT/CINDERING – CHARDON AREA FOR 2023 -2025 SEASONS

Director Glen Vernick asked the Board to amend the motion from September 26, 2023 on the award of the Bid to Deandrade Landscape Designs for the Snowplowing, Salt/Cindering to add Spring Cleanup and the Salt per ½ ton amounts.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to amend the motion from September 26, 2023 to include additional information to read: award the Bid to Deandrade Landscape Designs d.b.a. US Lawns - Cleveland East for the Snowplowing, Salt/Cindering – Chardon Area for the 2023-2025 seasons in the amount of \$74,754.75 for the two year period (\$36,825.00 for 2023-2024 and \$37,929.75 for 2024-2025) for the snowplowing portion, the Salt / Cindering in the amount of \$125.00 per half ton, and Spring Cleanup in the amount of \$50.00 per hour, as they represented the lowest and best bid.

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

MAINTENANCE – CONTRACT AGREEMENT – DEANDRADE LANDSCAPE DESIGNS D.B.A. U.S. LAWNS – CLEVELAND EAST – SNOWPLOWING, SALT/CINDERING – CHARDON AREA FOR 2023-2025 SEASONS

Mr. Vernick asked the Board to execute the contract agreement with Deandrade Landscape Designs for the Snowplowing, Salt/Cindering for the Chardon Area with includes an amount for Salt and Spring Cleanup.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute the Contract Agreement with Deandrade Landscape and Designs d.b.a. US Lawns – Cleveland East for the Snowplowing, Salt/Cindering – Chardon Area for the 2023-2025 seasons in the amount of \$74,754.75 for the two year period (\$36,825.00 for 2023-2024 and \$37,929.75 for 2024-2025) for the snowplowing portion, the Salt / Cindering in the amount of \$125.00 per half ton with a total not to exceed amount of \$30,000.00, and Spring Cleanup in the amount of \$50.00 per hour with a total not to exceed amount of \$10,000.00.

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

APPROVE FINANCIALS

Mr. Gorton explained the financials for today as including Appropriations Transfers from various departments to true up payroll and benefit accounts for year end, Supplemental appropriation from the Commissioners in the Senior Center Construction Fund land purchase account, Cash transfers from the General Fund to the Liability Self Insurance fund, 9-1-1 fund and 800 communications fund, Cash transfer from Board of Developmental Disabilities from their Rotary Fund to their Residential Services Fund, Purchase order from the Department on Aging to Valley Ford Truck for a new 2024 F250 Super Cab Pickup Truck for Chore and Home Safety which is replacing a 2013 GMC K1500 regular cab pickup that will be auctioned, Travel request for the Public Defender's Office, a payment for the Engineer's Office to Ronyak Paving, Incorporated for the asphalt resurfacing of Washington Street, Sections C-E in the amount of \$192,752.50, a payment for the Sheriff's Office to Motorola Solutions, Incorporated for the Vesta 9-1-1 dispatch emergency call handling software in the amount of \$153,171.01 and a

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Revenue Certification for Common Pleas Court in their Pre-Trial Release Supervision, Intensive Supervision Probation and Pre-Sentence Investigation Report funds to true up revenue received from the state.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute Resolution #23-187 itemizing the financials for the meeting of November 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>Aye</i>

*PROBATE / JUVENILE COURT – RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING NOVEMBER 2023
'NATIONAL ADOPTION MONTH' AND NOVEMBER 21, 2023 AS 'GEAUGA COUNTY
ADOPTION DAY'*

Adoption / Guardianship Coordinator Shawn Myers asked the Board to approve a resolution proclaiming November 2023 as National Adoption Month and that November 21, 2023 as Geauga County Adoption Day. Ms. Myers explained that they continue to work with Job and Family Services, Catholic Charities, Jockey Being Family adding that they did not have as many adoptions in the last year. Ms. Myers explained that a lot of kids age out and become teenagers and statistics show being adopted at a later age is very low. A lot of adoptions are step family adoptions, but overall, the numbers are down. Commissioner Spidalieri asked about doing a presentation on the adoption process and overall program.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute Resolution #23-188 Proclaiming November 2023 “National Adoption Month” and November 21, 2023 as “Gauga County Adoption Day”.

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Date: November 7, 2023

Resolution: #23-188

*PROCLAIMING NOVEMBER 2023 “NATIONAL ADOPTION MONTH” AND
NOVEMBER 21, 2023 AS “GEAUGA COUNTY ADOPTION DAY”*

WHEREAS, in recognition of NATIONAL ADOPTION MONTH, the Board of Geauga County Commissioners joins the Geauga County Probate Court, the Geauga County Juvenile Court’s CASA Program, and Geauga County Children Services, in commemorating the Court’s “Owl Love You Forever” celebration. The objective of NATIONAL ADOPTION MONTH is to find loving, permanent families for all children. Every child in America and every child in Geauga County, Ohio, deserves the security of a permanent home and a loving, caring family; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners, Probate Court, Juvenile Court, and Job and Family Services together encourage the community, businesses, groups, schools, faith-based organizations, and families to help secure permanent, loving homes for each and every child in Geauga County, regardless of race, age, gender, health, emotional or behavioral challenge, or past distress; and

WHEREAS, more than 250,000 children are placed into the foster care system in the United States every year. Today in the United States, there are approximately 414,863 children in the foster care system waiting for permanent, loving homes. The average child waits for an adoptive family for more than three years, and more than 19,000 children every year turn 18 and leave the system waiting for a family. Since Adoption Day last year, 13 children have been adopted. Five children are currently waiting for adoption.

WHEREAS, Judge Timothy J. Grendell and Magistrate Abbey L. King have displayed compassion for children by working extensively on their behalf in the area of adoption as Geauga County Probate Judge and Magistrate, and have promoted adoption as a means of bringing families together in Geauga County.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Geauga County Commissioners hereby proclaims NOVEMBER as ADOPTION MONTH and NOVEMBER 21, 2023 as ADOPTION DAY in Geauga County, Ohio.

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>

COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE – AWARD BID – RONYAK PAVING, INCORPORATED – ASPHALT RESURFACING OF CLARIDON TROY ROAD, SECTIONS D-E IN BURTON AND CLARIDON TOWNSHIPS

County Engineer Joe Cattell asked the Board to award the Bid to Ronyak Paving, Incorporated for the resurfacing of Claridon Troy Road as the bid came in about \$50,000.00 under the estimate. This section is from Taylor Wells Road to State Route 322. Mr. Cattell noted that there is OPWC grant funding on this project of \$250,000.00.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to award the Bid to 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 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 – MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING REGARDING OHIO EPA NPDES PHASE 2 PROGRAM AND COORDINATION – GEAUGA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, COUNTY DRAINAGE ENGINEER, SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT, BOARD OF HEALTH, WATER RESOURCES AND THE TOWNSHIPS OF BAINBRIDGE, CHESTER AND RUSSELL

Mr. Cattell explained that these are agreements with Bainbridge, Chester and Russell Townships for the NPDES permit, and this agreement has been revised to include coordination between Soil and Water, Board of Health and Water Resources which allows them to handle the program and the Townships just pay for their portion of the permit.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute the Memorandum of Understanding regarding Ohio EPA NPDES Phase 2 Program and Coordination by and between the Geauga Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County Drainage Engineer, Geauga Soil and Water Conservation District, Geauga County Board of Health, Bainbridge Township and Geauga County Department of Water Resources.

<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 Memorandum of Understanding regarding Ohio EPA NPDES Phase 2 Program and Coordination by and between the Geauga Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County Drainage Engineer, Geauga Soil and Water Conservation District, Geauga County Board of Health, Chester Township and Geauga County Department of Water Resources.

<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>

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Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute the Memorandum of Understanding regarding Ohio EPA NPDES Phase 2 Program and Coordination by and between the Geauga Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County Drainage Engineer, Geauga Soil and Water Conservation District, Geauga County Board of Health, Russell Township and Geauga County Department of Water Resources.

<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>

PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE – VICTIM/WITNESS – EXECUTE VICTIM OF CRIME ACT (VOCA) AND STATE VICTIM ADVOCACY ACT (SVAA) GRANT AWARD AND ACCEPTANCE FORMS

Victim Witness Program Director Cindi Haycox Wellman that the Board had previously approved her grant application and today she was asking for the acceptance of her grant award for next year. Ms. Wellman explained that she is the Victim Advocate for the Common Pleas Court so she handles the felony level adult crimes, victim notification and restitution along with the Juvenile Court victim advocacy. This grant covers her salary and benefits. Ms. Wellman explained that while she works with the Sheriff's Office advocate and Municipal Court advocate they have their own duties and assignments as well as having their own VOCA grants.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Victim of Crime Act (VOCA) and State Victim Advocacy Act (SVAA) Grant Award and Acceptance Forms in the amount of \$50,951.00 from Grant #2024-VOCA-135503873 (\$29,938.00 from Federal VOCA funds and \$16,552.00 local match from the County General Fund) and \$4,461.00 from Grant #2024-SVAA-135503877 with no local match. This grant is for the period October 1, 2023 through September 30, 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>Aye</i>

SHERIFF'S OFFICE – EXECUTE VICTIM OF CRIME ACT (VOCA) AND STATE VICTIM ADVOCACY ACT (SVAA) GRANT AWARD AND ACCEPTANCE FORMS

Sheriff Scott Hildenbrand asked the Board to execute the grant acceptance for Tracy Jordan who is the Victim Advocate for the Sheriff's office. Sheriff Hildenbrand explained that she started a Loss Team that assists her when she is unavailable. There was a brief example of how the Sheriff's advocate starts with on scene assistance and getting them to court, then Ms. Wellman takes over and gets them through the Court process.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Victim of Crime Act (VOCA) and State Victim Advocacy Act (SVAA) Grant Award and Acceptance Forms in the amount of \$39,567.00 from Grant #2024-VOCA-135503892 (\$31,652.00 from Federal VOCA funds, \$3,415.00 local match from the County General Fund and \$4,500.00 in-kind match) and \$3,264.80 from Grant #2024-SVAA-135503897 with no local match for the period October 1, 2023 through September 30, 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>Aye</i>

SHERIFF'S OFFICE – PERMISSION TO ADVERTISE BIDS (RE-BID)

Eric Bartholomew asked the Board to grant permission to re-advertise for the Microwave Network, explaining that after rejecting the first bid due to some issues with the bid specifications and bonds, with some great help from Mr. Gorris at Water Resources they have reworked everything and hope to get some good bids on the project.

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Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to grant permission to advertise for Bids for the Geauga County Sheriff's Office Microwave Network Upgrade to be held on Wednesday, December 13, 2023 at 2:00 p.m. Notice of this Bid Opening will be advertised on November 9, 2023, November 16, 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>Aye</i>

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – APPROVE AND EXECUTE CHARDON SQUARE PLAT OF RE-SURVEY AND LOT SPLIT – CITY OF CHARDON

Mr. Morgan explained that this item relates to the Courthouse, adding that after the settlement of the lawsuit with the City of Chardon, it was agreed to give the north end of the square to the County and this plat officially will divide the square.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute the Chardon Public Square Plat of Re-Survey and Lot Split for the Geauga County Commissioners and the City of Chardon.

<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>

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS (VFW) POST #6519 AND AMERICAN LEGION POST #167 IN CHARDON – RESOLUTION HONORING ROBERT I. (BOB) LANDIES

Veteran Mike Warner explained that Mr. Landies has been a special friend to the Veterans in this County and are planning to surprise him on Friday at the luncheon. Mr. Warner explained that Mr. Landies has bent over backwards to help people in the community and the Veterans in this County anonymously so that people would not know that his family was the one doing the helping.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute Resolution #23-189 Honoring Robert I. (Bob) Landies for his dedication and service to Geauga County Veterans.

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Resolution: #23-189
Date: November 7, 2023

**A RESOLUTION HONORING ROBERT I. (BOB) LANDIES
FOR HIS DEDICATION AND SERVICE TO GEAUGA COUNTY VETERANS**

WHEREAS, Robert I. (Bob) Landies grew up on Cleveland's East Side and moved to Geauga County with his family in 1960, he enlisted in the Army and served in the U.S. Army National Guard from 1961 to 1968 when he was honorably discharged after serving his country for seven years; and

WHEREAS, following his service, Bob Landies worked for TRW, in his time there, his technical expertise led to the creation of three (3) patents in the military technology division; and

WHEREAS, Bob Landies started his own business, Ohio Ordnance Works out of his home in 1982, as a licensed manufacturer and became Incorporated in 1992, having been in business now for over 45 years, he continues to have a very successful business operation with 110 employees and growing; and

WHEREAS, Bob Landies is an active member and tremendous supporter both in participation and in generous donations to the Chardon Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post #6519 and American Legion Post #167; and

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WHEREAS, Bob Landies is a devout Christian and makes incredible and positive impacts on the lives of Geauga Citizens by assisting individuals and local schools, but also by helping and advocating for Geauga County's Veterans; and

WHEREAS, Bob Landies continues his support for Veterans in the community by sponsoring an Annual Veteran's Day Luncheon and Marine Corp Birthday event in Chardon; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Geauga County Board of Commissioners honor Robert I. (Bob) Landies for his dedication and service to Geauga County Veterans.

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 – RESOLUTION IN HONOR AND RESPECT OF AMERICA'S VETERANS – NOVEMBER 11TH, VETERANS DAY

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute Resolution #23-190 in Honor and Respect of America's Veterans, on November 11th, Veteran's Day.

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Resolution: #23-190

Date: November 7, 2023

*A RESOLUTION IN HONOR AND RESPECT OF AMERICA'S VETERANS,
ON NOVEMBER 11TH, VETERANS DAY*

WHEREAS, World War I, known as the "Great War" officially ended when the Treaty of Versailles was signed June of 1919, however seven months prior, an Armistice was signed and went into effect on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month, November 11, 1918 and is often referred to as the end of "the war to end all wars"; and

WHEREAS, November 11, 1919, President Wilson proclaimed the first commemoration of Armistice Day, "To us in America, the reflections of Armistice Day will be filled with solemn pride in the heroism of those who died in the Country's service and with gratitude for the victory"; and

WHEREAS, May 13, 1938 an Act was approved causing November 11th to be deemed a legal holiday, thus making the day be dedicated to the cause of world peace and thereafter be known as "Armistice Day", however that Act was amended June 1, 1954 causing the day to be known as "Veterans Day" and became a day to honor American Veterans of all wars; and

WHEREAS, November 11th is a day that all Americans should take pause and say Thank You, as a way to honor and respect all those that have served, that have fought and for those that continue to fight every day for our freedoms, for their love of country, and their sacrifice for the common good; and

WHEREAS, on this day, every day, and especially on November 11th, we say Thank you, for your dedication, your bravery, your fight and for our freedom; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Geauga County Board of Commissioners do hereby honor and respect all of America's Veterans for the sacrifices they made and continue to make, in defending our nation, and ask that the residents of Geauga County show their support and honor our Veterans, by saying "Thank you for your service";

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

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

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).*

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

The Board moved into Executive Session at 10:04 a.m. with Mr. Morgan and Assistant County Administrator Linda Burhenne. The Board returned at 10:51 a.m. and provided a brief presentation about the executive sessions that have been happening. Mr. Spidalieri explained that during the process of the county office building, a review of the existing buildings were rated and many did not rate well. The original plan was to do the thirty-five acres, which could have been done in phases, but instead we built here, and now are looking at the expansion project at the Courthouse. Mr. Spidalieri stated that the Board was going to authorize Mr. Morgan the County Administrator to make a move towards purchasing the Chase Building on the square, and plan to take CASA at 470, Public Defender, Probation Department and eventually move the Treasurer's Office into the old Chase Bank area. Mr. Spidalieri stated that the second project is for the Department on Aging for the Senior Center and give authorization to move forward with the purchase of the old Dollar General. The property has seventeen acres which will give the Seniors have a nice, dedicated facility, but the area allows for walking trails, a retention basin with a pond, a pavilion which will give them the ability to take the services to a higher level. Mr. Spidalieri briefly talked about the renderings done by TDA on the old Dollar General building for the Senior Center and the timeline for moving forward and be able to move forward with the sale of the old 470 property. Mr. Spidalieri explained that while there will be upfront costs, however over time will exceed the price for purchase and build outs and the recapture of funds from the sale of other properties. Mr. Spidalieri continued by adding that the senior population is growing, and this will take the services they need to the next level.



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Commissioner Lennon added that even before he became a commissioner, the idea has been to consolidate the buildings, and this will be more of a two-campus area option, these new properties give us flexibility for the future. Mr. Lennon added that working with the City of Chardon to get business in there to bring life to the City aside from County employees. Mr. Lennon noted that there was some other options on the square, but this was a much better option. Mr. Lennon expressed that the senior center project funding has been saved and included levy money that keeps additional costs off the taxpayers, but gives them the opportunity to continue with the ideas for phase II, that takes us long into the future.

Mr. Dvorak added that this has been being discussed for almost a year, and even during construction of the renovation of the Courthouse, there are departments that need to be relocated while that is happening, and we are trying to maneuver in the right way. Mr. Dvorak added that after hearing the proposed property for the senior center included seventeen acres and could include more than just the building and for a good price he feels the county will be moving forward in the right direction.

The following actions were taken:

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to authorize County Administrator, Gerry Morgan to finalize negotiations with Mason Asset Management Agent for NAMDAR DG Realty LLC for the purchase of the old Dollar General property located at 11180 Chardon Road in Chardon Township for the purchases of creating a new senior center and to have all necessary Resolutions and motions created.

<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 authorize County Administrator, Gerry Morgan to finalize negotiations with NAI Pleasant Valley Commercial Real Estate Services, agent for 100 Chardon LLC and Cuyahoga Chardon LLC for the purchase of 9 properties (PPN 10-032300, PPN 10-032000, PPN 10-031900, PPN 10-165326, PPN 10-032200, PPN 10-032100, PPN 10-165325, PPN 10-165324, PPN 10-165323) located at 100 Center St. in Chardon for purposes of housing county offices and to have all necessary Resolutions and motions created.

<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>

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Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to authorize County Administrator, Gerry Morgan to prepare all documents necessary to place 470 Center Street up for sale.

<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>

There was a brief discussion about there being nine parcels that make up the Chase Building and once purchased would be consolidated into one parcel.

Diane Jones questioned a statement about the price per square foot, which it was noted that the cost for the office building was around \$400 per square foot, however until all the agreements are done, and they are able, they will disclose all the numbers.

Gail Roussey from the League of Women Voters inquired about the timing of the purchase, to which it was noted it would be within the month, she asked where the Opera House was, to which it was noted that the Treasurer's office is located there and she then inquired about where ADP would be located, to which it was noted that there would be room in the Chase Building, to which it was noted that they will have locations within both buildings.

Ms. Roussey asked about the Statutory Group meeting being on the agenda and now it has been removed, and it was discussed that the members of the group not being able to attend on that day and time. It will be scheduled and held, we just haven't figured out a date and time yet. This is a requirement of the ORC for Courthouse construction and includes the Commissioners, Sheriff, Judges of Common Pleas, Probate and the Clerk of Courts.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

- a) A weekly report filed by the County Dog Warden of all dogs seized, impounded, redeemed or destroyed for the week ending October 25, 2023 as required by O.R.C. 955.12.*

OTHER

The Board reviewed upcoming events.

MEETINGS

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.

Sat., 11/11 Veteran's Day

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

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.

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BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD

Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to adjourn the meeting at 11:13 a.m.

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Ralph Spidalieri

James W. Dvorak

Timothy C. Lennon

Christine Blair, Commissioners' Clerk

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