

Commissioners' Journal
December 12, 2023

The Geauga County Board of Commissioners met in session on December 12, 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 Vice President of the Board, James W. Dvorak opened the meeting at 9:35 a.m. by leading the Board and audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Commissioner Spidalieri was absent from this meeting.*

Commissioner Dvorak read the following prayer:

Light of the World

*Jesus, the Light of the World, as we Celebrate in this season of giving, your birth,
May we begin to see the world in the light, of understanding you give us.*

*You are close to the challenged, the outcasts and the poor to receive the greatest news the world
has ever known, so may we worship you in meekness of the heart.*

May we also remember our brothers and sisters less fortunate than ourselves.

Amen

COMMISSIONERS OFFICE - COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

County Administrator Gerard Morgan reported on the items approved by the County Administrator on December 11, 2023 for a Liquor License that included to concur with the Bainbridge Township Trustees in not requesting a hearing on the Liquor License being requested by Glass Asylum Too LLC located at 7207 Chagrin Road, Unit 5, Chagrin Falls, Ohio (C NEW 3202793) and a Liquor License that included to concur with the Newbury Township Trustees in not requesting a hearing on the Liquor License being requested by El Flamazo Mexican Supermarket LLC located at 11400 Kinsman Road, Newbury, Ohio (C NEW 2485808); 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 various appropriations transfers and supplemental appropriations and de-appropriations to adjust various funds to balance for year end, Cash transfer from the General Fund to Building Improvement fund for money that will be needed for improvements to County Buildings, Cash transfer from the General Fund to the Phase II Capital Reserve fund for money that will be needed for the Courthouse Expansion, Cash transfer from the General Fund to the Central Vehicle Maintenance fund for money that will be needed for the purchase of a new county pool vehicle to be purchased next year, a Cash transfer from the General Fund to the Victim Witness Assistance fund to pay the local match for VOCA grant period October 2023 through September 2024 grant (#2023-VOCA-135503873), a Formal Contract PO increase from the Commissioners to Infinity Construction Company, Incorporated to add GMP #1 to the encumbrance for the preconstruction requirements, a payment for the Commissioners' Office to the Portage Geauga Juvenile Detention Center for the 4th Quarter Operating Expenses in the amount of \$116,797.34, a payment for Community Development to ICP Geauga Lake LLC for pay request #2 for the Geauga Lake District Demolition Project, paid for by State Grant money in the amount of \$1,557,132.09, a payment for the Engineer's Office to Deere and Company for a John Deere 6110M Cab Utility Tractor in the amount of \$87,023.25, a payment for the Sheriff's Office to Motorola Solutions, Incorporated for the replacement of all of the agency's portable and mobile radios in the amount of \$428,259.37 and Revenue Certifications and De-Certifications for Community Development in the Demolition and Site Revitalization and Block Grant funds and for Job and Family Services in the Workforce Investment Fund.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute Resolution #23-204 itemizing the financials for the meeting of December 12, 2023.

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

COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE – RESOLUTION TO IMPROVE THE EMBANKMENT OF THE BUNDYSBURG ROAD BRIDGE AND EMBANKMENT OF GEM ROAD BRIDGE

Deputy Engineer Jacob Scotese asked the Board to approve the resolution to improve the embankment of the Bundysburg Road Bridge in Parkman Township and the embankment of the Gem Road Bridge in Chester Township.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute Resolution #23-205 to Improve the Embankment of the Bundysburg Road Bridge (Structure #BR-0038-03.080) in Parkman Township and the Embankment of the Gem Road Bridge (Structure #BR-0264-00.290) in Chester Township.

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

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Resolution: #23 - 205

**RESOLUTION TO IMPROVE
THE EMBANKMENT OF THE BUNDYSBURG ROAD BRIDGE,
STRUCTURE #BR-0038-03.080 IN PARKMAN TOWNSHIP &
THE EMBANKMENT OF THE GEM ROAD BRIDGE, STRUCTURE #BR-0264-00.290 IN
CHESTER TOWNSHIP**

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Geauga County (Board) has determined the public convenience and welfare requires the improvements to the embankment of the bridge over Swine Creek on Bundysburg Road (CH-0038), at mile marker 3.08, and the bridge over the East Branch of the Chagrin River on Gem Road (TR-0264), at mile marker 0.29 and the improvement of the embankment in the immediate vicinity of the bridges in accordance with Section 5555.022 of the Ohio Revised Code.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board that the public convenience and welfare requires the improvements by grading, reinforcement, and stabilization of the embankment at and in the vicinity of the bridges, and related improvements, as necessary.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Geauga County Engineer is hereby directed to complete necessary surveys, plans, profiles, cross sections, estimates of cost and specifications as required for the improvement and to transmit copies of the same to this Board at the time such plans are completed.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that no special assessments to real estate will be assessed to cover the damages, costs, and expenses of constructing this improvement and that the compensation, damages, costs, and expenses of constructing said improvement shall be appointed as follows:

The engineering and right of way costs shall be paid from local roadway improvement funding sources. The construction costs shall be paid from local roadway improvement funds and any federal and/or state grants and/or loans that may be secured for the project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if preliminary designs show that the project cannot be built within the current right of way, pursuant to Section 5555.09 of the Ohio Revised Code, the Geauga County Engineer is granted permission to negotiate with owners to secure the lands, right-of-way, easements, or work agreements required for the improvement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board Clerk is hereby directed, upon the filing of the plans, specifications, estimates, etc., for the improvement by the County Engineer, to schedule a time at a regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners for the Board to review the copies of the surveys, plans, profiles, cross sections, estimates and specifications for the improvement.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board Clerk is hereby instructed to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the Parkman Township Board of Trustees, the Chester Township Board of trustees, and the Geauga County Engineer.

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

DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES – AGREEMENT – LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE (LEPC) FOR SERVICES FOR YEAR 2024

Director Roger Peterson asked the Board to approve the agreement with LEPC for emergency services to provide the services for reporting and filing as required.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and authorize the Vice President of the Board to execute the Agreement between the Department of Emergency Services and the Geauga County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) to provide the following services to LEPC: Administrative Support, Emergency Response Coordinator (if elected by the Geauga LEPC), Secretarial / Treasurer Responsibilities, Information Coordinator (if elected by the LEPC), Compliance, Plan Development and Exercising, Grant Applications, Training and the Maintaining of all required chemical filing forms and records for the Year 2024 in the amount of \$10,000.00.

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

DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES – GRANT AGREEMENT – ENERGY HARBOR NUCLEAR CORPORATION – EMERGENCY PLANNING AND PREPAREDNESS FOR PERRY NUCLEAR POWER PLANT – TWO YEARS

Mr. Peterson explained that this is a two-year agreement with Energy Harbor that assists with covering payroll for the department for handling the preparedness and planning for the Power Plant.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute the Grant Agreement between Energy Harbor Nuclear Corporation and the Board of Geauga County Commissioners in connection with emergency planning and preparedness for the Perry Nuclear Power Plant (PNPP) for a two-year period, January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024 in the amount of \$248,323.00 and January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025 in the amount of \$254,870.00.

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

DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES – APPROVE REVISION 29, JANUARY 2024 GEAUGA COUNTY RADIOLOGICAL EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLAN – PERRY NUCLEAR POWER PLANT

Mr. Peterson asked the Board to approve the Radiological Emergency Response Plan with Revision 29 for the year.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute, and further authorize the Director of Emergency Services to execute the Geauga County Radiological Emergency Response Plan (for an emergency at the Perry Nuclear Power Plant) Revision 29, dated January 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>Absent</i>

Mr. Dvorak asked for updates to be sent out regularly if there are any events that happen, weather or other so the key players can be kept in the know, using the conference calls during

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the pandemic as an example. Mr. Peterson stated that except for COVID there wasn't really an interest in it, but if there is a need they are happy to coordinate it.

MAINTENANCE – CONTRACT AGREEMENT – AIR FORCE ONE, INCORPORATED – SAFETY CENTER HVAC MAINTENANCE AND ON CALL SERVICES

Contract Coordinator Matt Sieracki asked the Board to approve the contract agreement with Air Force One, Incorporated for the Safety Center HVAC maintenance and on call services that includes Post 2 and the tower sites.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute the Contract Agreement with Air Force One, Incorporated for the Geauga County Safety Center HVAC Maintenance and On-Call Services, including Post 2 and all Tower Sites for a period of three years, effective January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2026 in the amount of \$108,340.00, with additional labor or services provided for On-Call outside of preventative maintenance in an amount not to exceed \$100,000.00 for a total not to exceed amount of \$208,340.00.

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

MAINTENANCE – ACCEPT PERFORMANCE BOND – RELEASE BID BOND – AIR FORCE ONE, INCORPORATED

Mr. Sieracki asked the Board to accept the performance bond and release the bid bond for Air Force One, Incorporated.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to accept the Performance Bond from Air Force One, Incorporated for the Geauga County Safety Center HVAC Maintenance and On-Call Services, including Post 2 and all Tower Sites, and further release the Bid Bond.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Local resident Diane Jones inquired about Air Force One and what they will be doing for the county, to which it was noted that they will be handling maintenance on all the air conditioning and boilers, for the Safety Center, Post 2 and the Tower sites. Mr. Morgan added that this was handled as a bid and is a new company with the county.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

- a) A weekly report filed by the County Dog Warden of all dogs seized, impounded, redeemed or destroyed for the week ending November 29, 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 Prisoner Transport for the month ending November 2023 as required by O.R.C. 325.07.*

OTHER

The Board reviewed upcoming events.

MEETINGS

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

Tue., 12/12 The Commissioners will hold a special session at 12:00 p.m. (Noon) for a Ground-Breaking Ceremony for the Geauga County Courthouse Expansion Project to be held at the Northeast Corner of the existing Courthouse, 100 Short Court Street, Chardon

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****This meeting was not held – the Groundbreaking Ceremony took place with no Special meeting of the Board of Commissioners, due to a lack of quorum in attendance for the Groundbreaking****

Tue., 12/12 ADP Regular Meeting, 2:00 p.m. at Auditor's Appraisal Conference Room

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

Tue., 12/19 The Commissioners will hold session at 9:30 a.m.

Mon., 12/25 County Offices will be closed in honor of Christmas. Twenty-four-hour operations will continue to operate as normal.

Thu., 12/28 The Commissioners will hold session at 9:30 a.m.

Mon., 1/1 County Offices will be closed in honor of New Year's Day. Twenty-four-hour operations will continue to operate as normal.

Thu., 1/4 The Commissioners will hold session at 9:30 a.m.

Mon., 1/8 The Commissioners will hold session at 9:30 a.m. and it will include the annual organizational Meeting

Mon., 1/8 ADP Organizational meeting, 1:00 p.m. Auditor's Appraisal Conference Room

BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to adjourn the meeting at 9:47 a.m.

Geauga County Board of Commissioners

Ralph Spidalieri

James W. Dvorak

Timothy C. Lennon

Christine Blair, Commissioners' Clerk

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