The Geauga County Board of Commissioners met in session on January 8, 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 9:36 a.m. by leading the Board and audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Dvorak read the following prayer:

The First Prayer of the Year

Dear Father God,

Creator and the owner of life, Lord, I have simple request to you today:

Please protect my family and provide all our needs.

Please help me to appreciate everything I have. Lord, as I start this New Year 2024. I want to Thank you for everything. Despite of my struggles in life, I'm still grateful because you're so good to me and to my family.

This I pray in the precious name of Jesus.

Amen

#### FINANCIAL ENCUMBRANCES

Budget and Finance Manager Adrian Gorton explained that last week we had to pull three items for the Department of Emergency Services and are asking the Board to consider these encumbrances effective January 1<sup>st</sup>.

Motion: by Co

by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve three encumbrances for the Department of Emergency Services to be considered by the Board of Commissioners to be effective January 1, 2024.

Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Lennon Aye

Commissioner Dvorak Aye Commissioner Spidalieri Aye

#### **APPROVE FINANCIALS**

Mr. Gorton explained the financials for today as including Supplemental appropriations from the Auditor's Office to re-establish the appropriations in the American Rescue Fund for 2024, Cash transfers from the Common Pleas Court from their old probation funds into their new Community Corrections Act Fund, Contracts from Emergency Services for the new year that could not be processed on January 4<sup>th</sup> that have been corrected and need to be effective January 1, 2024, a payment for the Commissioners' Office to Infinity Construction Company for pay request #1 of the County Courthouse Expansion Project in the amount of \$61,390.00, a payment for the County Engineer's office to SG Chevrolet LLC for a 2024 Chevrolet Silverado 3500 HD Truck in the amount of \$40,610.00, a payment for Maintenance to Gardiner Service Company for a new boiler at the Safety Center in the amount of \$36,300.00 and a payment for the Sheriff's office to Motorola Solutions, Incorporated for the Spillman 911 annual service and support in the amount of \$135,183.19.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and

execute Resolution #24-008 itemizing the financials for the meeting of January 8,

2024.

Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Lennon Aye

Commissioner Dvorak Aye Commissioner Spidalieri Aye

### <u>COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ENGINEER</u> TO UNDERTAKE PROJECTS USING FORCE ACCOUNT – YEAR 2024

Deputy Engineer Andy Haupt asked the Board to approve the resolution allowing the County Engineer's Office to undertake projects using Force Account, noting that the limits have been increased, however they don't usually get near the limits, as they act as maintenance organization on the contract. Mr. Haupt stated that we keep track of estimates before we perform the work to ensure they are under the limit, adding that they are just replacing culverts.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and

execute Resolution #24-009 Authorizing the County Engineer to undertake

Projects using Force Account in certain cases for Year 2024.

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Date: January 8, 2024

Resolution: 24-009

# RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ENGINEER TO UNDERTAKE PROJECTS USING FORCE ACCOUNT IN CERTAIN CASES FOR YEAR 2024

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Geauga County desires to allow the Geauga County Engineer to improve, repair and maintain county highways and improve, repair and reconstruct county bridge projects in the most efficient and cost-effective manner; and,

WHEREAS, the County Engineer may, when authorized by the Board of County Commissioners and not required by law to use competitive bidding, employ such laborers and vehicles, use such county employees and property, lease such implements and tools, and purchase such materials as are necessary in the construction, reconstruction, improvement, maintenance, or repair of roads by force account; and,

WHEREAS, the County Engineer may, when authorized by the Board of County Commissioners and not required by law to use competitive bidding, employ such laborers and vehicles, use such county employees and property, lease such implements and tools, and purchase such materials as are necessary in the construction, reconstruction, improvement, maintenance, or repair of bridges and culverts by force account.

WHEREAS, On the first day of July of every odd-numbered year beginning in 2021, the threshold amounts established shall increase by an amount not to exceed the lesser of three per cent, or the percentage amount of any increase in the department of transportation's construction cost index as annualized and totaled for the prior two calendar years. The director of transportation has notified the County Engineer from July 1, 2023, to June 30th, 2025, the following limits are applicable: The amount not to exceed for the estimated const of construction or reconstruction, including widening and resurfacing, of roads is exceeds seventy thousand dollars (\$70,000) per mile. The amount not to exceed for the estimated cost of construction, reconstruction, improvement, maintenance, or repair of bridges or culvert work is two hundred thirty thousand dollars (\$230,000).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of Geauga County does hereby authorize the Geauga County Engineer to proceed with the construction or reconstruction, including widening and resurfacing, of roads by force account. In determining whether he may undertake road construction work by force account, when not required by section 5543.19 or other law to use competitive bidding, the Geauga County Engineer shall first cause to be made an estimate of the cost of such work using the force account project assessment form developed by the auditor of state under section 117.16 of the Revised Code. When the total estimated cost of the work exceeds seventy thousand dollars (\$70,000) dollars per mile, the county commissioners shall invite and receive competitive bids for furnishing all the labor, materials, and equipment necessary to complete the work in accordance with sections 307.86 to 307.92 of the Revised Code.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of Geauga County does hereby authorize the Geauga County Engineer to proceed with the construction, reconstruction, improvement, maintenance, or repair of bridges or culverts by force account. In determining whether he may undertake bridge and/or culvert work by force account when not required by section 5543.19 or other law to use competitive bidding, the Geauga County Engineer shall first

cause to be made an estimate of the cost of such work using the force account project assessment form. When the total estimated cost of the work exceeds two hundred thirty thousand dollars (\$230,000), the Board of County Commissioners shall invite and receive competitive bids for furnishing all the labor, materials, and equipment necessary to complete the work, in accordance with sections 307.86 to 307.92 of the Revised Code. The County Engineer shall obtain the approval required by section 5543.02 of the Revised Code.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners of Geauga County is hereby instructed to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the Geauga County Engineer.

Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Lennon Aye

Commissioner Dvorak Aye Commissioner Spidalieri Aye

# <u>COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE – RESOLUTION TO ORDER THE ASPHALT</u> <u>RESURFACING OF BELL STREET (CH-0010, SECTIONS D-F) NEWBURY TOWNSHIP – EXECUTE TITLE SHEET - SET BID OPENING</u>

Deputy Engineer Shane Hajjar asked the Board to approve and execute the resolution to order the resurfacing of Bell Street, to execute the title sheet for specifications and set the bid opening using Bid Express.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and

execute Resolution #24-010 to Order the Asphalt Resurfacing of Bell Street (CH-0010, Sections D-F) in Newbury Township.

0010, Sections D-F) in Newbury Township.

This resolution also requests the Board approve and execute the Title Sheet of the Specifications for the same.

Further, this resolution sets a Bid Opening on Friday, January 26, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. at the Engineer's Office using Bid Express. This Bid Opening will be advertised on January 11, 2024 and on the county website.

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Date: January 8, 2024

Resolution: #24-010

### RESOLUTION TO ORDER THE ASPHALT RESURFACING OF SECTIONS D-F OF BELL STREET, CH-0010 IN NEWBURY TOWNSHIP

WHEREAS, the Geauga County Board of Commissioners (Board) has determined by Resolution 23 -140 that the public convenience and welfare requires the improvement of Bell Street (CH-0010), Sections D-F from the Village of South Russell Corporation Line to Ravenna Road (SR 44) by constructing and reconstructing culverts, performing drainage improvements, subgrade stabilization, asphalt resurfacing and improving shoulders and related improvements as necessary in accordance with Section 5555.06 of the Ohio Revised Code (R.C.); and

WHEREAS, lands will not be taken relative to the improvements; and

WHEREAS, the cost of such improvement will not be excessive in view of the public utility thereof and no special assessments shall be collected to fund this improvement; and

WHEREAS, the Board, after reviewing the plans with the County Engineer in public session, is satisfied that the public convenience and welfare require that said improvement be made.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board in accordance with Section 5555.13 of the R.C. hereby orders that such improvement proceed.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board in accordance with Section 5555.022 of the R.C. hereby approves the surveys, plans, profiles, cross sections, estimates, and specifications

for such improvement, the costs of which shall be paid from local and/or state funding sources in accordance with Section 5555.43 of the R.C.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the Board is hereby ordered to let this project for bids in accordance with Section 5555.61 of the R.C. The bids shall be let upon a unit price basis. Bids shall be received until 10:00 AM on January 26, 2024 and read publicly thereafter.

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

Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Lennon Aye

Commissioner Dvorak Aye Commissioner Spidalieri Aye

# <u>DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT (COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC) – RE-APPOINT AND APPOINT MEMBERS TO REVOLVING LOAN FUND AND LOCAL REVOLVING LOAN FUND COMMITTEES – TWO YEAR TERM</u>

Program Coordinator Elaine Malkamaki asked the Board to re-appoint and appoint members to the revolving loan fund and local revolving loan fund committees. Commissioner Dvorak inquired about him sitting on the Board, to which it was noted that his current term expired at the end of 2023 and the action is on the organizational meeting for the Board to determine the Commissioners for the Boards.

Motion:

by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to re-appoint the following members to the Revolving Loan Fund and Local Revolving Loan Fund Committees for a two-year term, January 8, 2024 through December 31, 2025, including: Caroline Mansfield (Alternate: Chris Hitchcock), Lisa Briggs, Linda Crombie and a Commissioner with Alternate (designated during organizational meeting).

Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Lennon Aye

Commissioner Dvorak Aye Commissioner Spidalieri Aye

Ms. Malkamaki noted that Ms. Shimer has a lot of banking experience and feels she would be a good addition to the Board.

Motion:

by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to appoint Kathy Shimer to the Revolving Loan Fund and Local Revolving Loan Fund Committees for a two-year term, January 8, 2024 through December 31, 2025.

Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Lennon Aye

Commissioner Dvorak Aye Commissioner Spidalieri Aye

### <u>DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES – RE-APPOINT AND APPOINT MEMBERS</u> <u>TO FAMILY SERVICES PLANNING COMMITTEE – ONE YEAR TERM</u>

Clerk Christine Blair asked the Board to re-appoint members and appoint Ms. Frankenberry to the Family Services Planning Committee.

Motion:

by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to re-appoint the following members to the Family Services Planning Committee for a one-year term, January 8, 2024 through December 31, 2024, including: Jessica Boalt, Vicki Clark, Julie Gorenc, Scott Hildenbrand, Tim Kehres, Jennifer Felker (Alternate – Nancy Santilli), Teri Malnar, Gerry Morgan, Andrea Pollack and Angela Spalsbury.

Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Lennon Aye

Commissioner Dvorak Aye Commissioner Spidalieri Aye

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to appoint Kristine

Frankenberry to the Family Services Planning Committee for a one-year term,

January 8, 2024 through December 31, 2024.

Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Lennon Aye

Commissioner Dvorak Aye Commissioner Spidalieri Aye

### <u>DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – ADVERTISE FOR BIDS – AQUILLA</u> WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Director Nicholas Gorris asked the Board to advertise for Bids for the Aquilla Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvement Project with the opening to be held on February 7<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. Mr. Dvorak asked if the bids would be online, to which Mr. Gorris stated they were not, that they would be opened publicly in chambers.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to grant permission

to advertise for Bids for the Aquilla Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvement Project to be held on Wednesday, February 7, 2024 at 2:15 p.m. Notice of this Bid Opening will be held on January 11, 2024, January 18, 2024 and on the

county website.

Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Lennon Aye

Commissioner Dvorak Aye Commissioner Spidalieri Aye

Ms. Blair noted that currently the Engineer's Office is the only one able to use Bid Express, all other bid openings will be held as normal.

<u>COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – 2024 CEBCO WELLNESS GRANT AGREEMENT</u>

Human Resources Specialist Kelly Bidlack asked the Board to approve the 2024 CEBCO Wellness Grant Agreement that allows for just over \$19,000.00 in program and administrative funds.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and

authorize the President of the Board to execute the 2024 CEBCO Wellness Grant Agreement to promote employee health and wellness lifestyles in the amount of

\$15,090.00 Program Funds and \$4,000.00 Administrative Funds.

Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Lennon Aye

Commissioner Dvorak Aye Commissioner Spidalieri Aye

### <u>COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION, APPLICATION FOR</u> <u>REAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION AND REMISSION – THWING ROAD</u>

Mr. Morgan asked the Board to execute the application for the Ohio Department of Taxation application for real property tax exemption on Thwing Road, noting that this is the new location of the wastewater treatment plant for the Chardon Township Sewer Project.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and

authorize the President of the Board to execute the Ohio Department of Taxation, Application for Real Property Tax Exemption and Remission for Permanent Parcel No. 06-707463, located at 11088 Thwing Road, Chardon, Ohio.

Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Lennon Aye

Commissioner Dvorak Aye Commissioner Spidalieri Aye

<u>COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – CANCEL SESSION – TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2024</u>

Ms. Blair noted that she had been informed that there would not be a quorum for the week of February 6<sup>th</sup>, so I am asking to cancel session for that week.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to cancel session

on Tuesday, February 6, 2024 due to a lack of quorum.

Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Lennon Aye

Commissioner Dvorak Aye Commissioner Spidalieri Aye

### <u>COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – CLOSE COUNTY OFFICES – FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2024</u> <u>– PAID TIME OFF – IN LIGHT OF THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY</u>

Motion:

worked.

by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to close the Geauga County Offices, under the hiring authority of the Board of Commissioners, on Friday, November 29, 2024 in light of the Thanksgiving Holiday, as paid time off for regular scheduled employees up to eight hours (nonactive work status time). Twenty-four-hour operations will continue to operate as normal. Further, those employees required to work on November 29, 2024 will be entitled to overtime pay in addition to their regular pay for actual hours

Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Lennon Aye

Commissioner Dvorak Aye Commissioner Spidalieri Aye

### <u>COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – AUTHORIZE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE</u> <u>AGREEMENT – TODD HOFFMEYER, TOP CHOICE HOME INSPECTIONS</u>

Mr. Morgan asked the Board to allow him permission to execute the agreement with the inspector to do the commercial inspection on the Chase Building.

Motion:

by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and authorize the County Administrator, Gerard Morgan to execute an Agreement with Todd Hoffmeyer, Top Choice Home Inspections, to perform a Commercial Building Inspection of the Chase Building at a cost not to exceed \$2,374.00.

Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Lennon Aye

Commissioner Dvorak Aye Commissioner Spidalieri Aye

### <u>COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – REQUEST COUNTY PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE TO REQUEST</u> <u>AN OPINION FROM THE ATTORNEY GENERAL - GEAUGA COUNTY HEALTH DISTRICT</u> <u>IS A REGULAR HEALTH DISTRICT OR A COMBINED GENERAL HEALTH DISTRICT</u>

Mr. Morgan asked the Board to request the Prosecutor to request an opinion from the Attorney General regarding the Health District as to whether they are a general or combined general health district based on the services they have provided to the City of Chardon.

Motion:

by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve a request to the County Prosecutor's Office for the Prosecutor to request an opinion from the Ohio Attorney General as to whether the Geauga County Health District is a regular general health district or a combined general health district since they provide general health services for the City of Chardon and further request whether the Geauga Health District is acting improperly by providing general health services to the City of Chardon without a contract.

Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Lennon Aye

Commissioner Dvorak Aye Commissioner Spidalieri Aye

#### Annual Organizational Meeting

Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to appoint Ralph

Spidalieri as President of the Geauga County Board of Commissioners for 2024.

Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Lennon Aye

Commissioner Dvorak Aye Commissioner Spidalieri Aye

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to appoint James

W. Dvorak as Vice President of the Geauga County Board of Commissioners for

2024.

Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Lennon Aye

Commissioner Dvorak Aye Commissioner Spidalieri Aye

#### MEETING SCHEDULE INFORMATION FOR 2024

Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to adopt the Geauga County Commissioners' meeting schedule information for 2024:

### <u>GEAUGA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING SCHEDULE INFORMATION</u> FOR 2024:

- 1. Sessions / Meetings will be held at either the Geauga County Commissioners' offices located at 12611 Ravenwood Drive, Suite 350 in Room B303, Chardon, or at 470 Center Street, Chardon, Ohio but at this time the sessions /meetings (whether regular, special or emergency) will be held at 12611 Ravenwood Drive, Suite 350, in Room B303, Chardon, Ohio, or any alternate location as necessary, with legally-required notice of changed location provided, or if permitted by law to be held virtual, with access information provided:
- 2. Regular Sessions / Meetings held every Tuesday at 9:30 a.m.
- 3. Adjustments made to add a Thursday regular session / meeting at 9:30 a.m. due to Holidays, or to schedule any additional regular meetings as needed to meet the required number of meetings for the year
- 4. Requests for reasonable advance notification of all Commissioners meetings at which any specific type of public business is to be discussed may be requested of the Commissioners' Clerk, provisions for advance notification may include, but are not limited to, emailing the agenda of meetings to all subscribers on a distribution list or by self-addressed stamped envelope provided by the person requesting the information.
- 5. The Board may have additional meetings, as required, at the time and place designated.
- 6. Any meeting called by Geauga County officeholders, department heads, County Administrator or the county's legal counsel.
- 7. Any meetings of the Geauga County Township Association
- 8. Any meetings of the County Commissioners' Association of Ohio (CCAO).
- 9. Any regular or special meetings of the following Boards or Councils at which a quorum of the Board of Commissioners is or may be present:
  - a. Any township Board of Trustees meeting & City and Village Council
  - b. Geauga County Board of Health
  - c. Geauga County Health Advisory Council
  - d. Geauga-Trumbull Solid Waste Management District
  - e. Geauga Soil and Water Conservation District meetings
  - f. Planning Commission
  - g. Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency (NOACA)
  - h. Northeast Ohio Consortium Council of Governments (NOC COG)
  - i. Community Improvement Corporation (CIC) meetings
  - j. Portage / Geauga Juvenile Detention Center Joint Board
  - k. Investment Advisory Committee
  - l. Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) District 7 Integrating Committee (Issue I)
  - m. Geauga County Agricultural Society (Fair Board meetings)
  - n. Meetings to honor any invitations received by the Geauga County Commissioners to attend ground breakings, openings, celebrations, memorial services and/or parades
  - o. Meetings with any organization or other political entities to discuss items of mutual concern

The time, place and purpose of all special meetings in addition to regularly scheduled meetings, will be given at least twenty-four hours in advance of such meeting to the news media that have requested notification except in the event of an emergency requiring immediate official action. In the event of an emergency, the Board member or Board members calling the meeting shall notify the news media that have requested notification immediately of the time, place and purpose of the meeting.

Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Lennon Aye

Commissioner Dvorak Aye Commissioner Spidalieri Aye

#### **BOARDS AND COMMITTEES FOR 2024**

Motion:

by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve the appointments of members of the Board of County Commissioners to boards and committees for 2024 as follows:

Board President – <u>Ralph Spidalieri</u> Board Vice President – James W. Dvorak

#### \* Board President required being the Primary

		<u>Primary</u>	<u>Alternate</u>
1.	ADP Board	Lennon	Dvorak
2.	Board of Revision	Dvorak	Spidalieri
<i>3</i> .	Community Corrections	Spidalieri	Dvorak
<i>4</i> .	Community Improvement Corporation (CIC)	All three Com	missioners
<i>5</i> .	Courthouse Security Advisory Committee*	President	Lennon
<i>6</i> .	Family First	Lennon	Spidalieri
<i>7</i> .	Financial Review and Report Committee(FRRC)*	President	Lennon
8.	Geauga County Agricultural Society	All three Com	missioners
9.	Geauga-Trumbull Solid Waste - Policy *	President	Dvorak
	Geauga-Trumbull SW- Board of Directors	All three Com	missioners
<i>10</i> .	Health District Advisory Board*	President	Lennon
<i>11</i> .	Investment Advisory Committee (2 commissioners)	President	V. President
<i>12</i> .	NOACA (Three Commissioner	Spidalieri	Andy Haupt
	And / or County Engineer		Joe Cattell
		Lennon	Shane Hajjar
			Linda Burhenne
		Dvorak	Nick Gorris
<i>13</i> .	NOC COG (Formerly GAPP)	Dvorak	Lennon
<i>14</i> .	Planning Commission Board	All three Com	missioners
<i>15</i> .	Portage / Geauga Juvenile Detention Center	All three Com	missioners
<i>16</i> .	Revolving Loan and Local Revolving Loan**	Dvorak	Lennon
	(**Two-year Appointments) – will expire 12-31-20	25	

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

Motion:

by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve the appointments to the Board of Revision, with James W. Dvorak as Primary and Alternates of Ralph Spidalieri, Timothy C. Lennon and Gerard Morgan and Linda Burhenne to be in effect for the year 2024.

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

Motion:

by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve the appointments to the Automatic Data Processing Board (ADP), with Timothy C. Lennon as Primary and Alternates of James W. Dvorak, Ralph Spidalieri and Gerard Morgan and Linda Burhenne to be in effect for the year 2024.

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

#### STAFF APPOINTMENTS FOR 2024

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to appoint Gerard

Morgan, County Administrator.

Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Lennon Aye
Commissioner Dvorak No

Commissioner Spidalieri Aye

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to appoint Linda

Burhenne, Assistant County Administrator.

Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Lennon Aye

Commissioner Dvorak Aye Commissioner Spidalieri Aye

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dyorak to appoint

Christine Blair as the Clerk to Commissioners' (#1306).

Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Lennon Aye

Commissioner Dvorak Aye Commissioner Spidalieri Aye

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve the

following staff appointments:

Position **Appointment** Director, Department on Aging Jessica Boalt Director, Community and Economic Development Gina Hofstetter Chief Building Enforcement Official Dan Spada Director, Department of Emergency Services Roger Peterson Director, Job and Family Services (124.11 (A) 22) Craig Swenson Director, Maintenance Glen Vernick Director, Water Resources Nicholas Gorris Sanitary Engineer, Water Resources Nicholas Gorris Dog Warden Matt Granito

and acknowledge those staff appointments as placed in the unclassified service pursuant to O.R.C. 124.11 (A) (3) (b) and who are provided an Unclassified Service Explanation and Acknowledgement Form.

Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Lennon Aye

Commissioner Dvorak Aye Commissioner Spidalieri Aye

### **ACTING CLERKS**

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to appoint

Deborah Ashburn to act as Acting Commissioners' Clerk in the event that Christine Blair, Commissioners' Clerk is unable or unavailable to perform those duties at any time during the Year 2024, and further appoint Gerard Morgan,

County Administrator, pursuant to O.R.C. 305.30, to act as Acting Commissioners' Clerk in the event that Deborah Ashburn is unable or unavailable to perform those duties at any time during the Year 2024.

Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Lennon Aye

Commissioner Dvorak Aye Commissioner Spidalieri Aye

### DELEGATED POWERS TO COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and

execute Resolution #24-011 Authorizing the County Administrator to Exercise

Powers Delegated hereby under the O.R.C. 305.30.

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Resolution: #24-011

Date: January 8, 2024

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO EXERCISE POWERS DELEGATED HEREBY UNDER THE O.R.C. 305.30

WHEREAS, Ohio Revised Code 305.30 provides that the Board may delegate certain of its powers to be exercised by the County Administrator; and

WHEREAS, the Geauga County Board of Commissioners desire to delegate certain powers to the County Administrator to be performed under their direction and supervision; and NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Geauga County Board of

Commissioners do hereby authorize the County Administrator to execute on their behalf within limitation and guidelines set forth below:

- 1. Certification of Determination of Subsequent Exemption for a Categorical Exclusion Project
- 2. Certification of Categorical Exclusion Project not subject to 58.5 (but required to comply with 24 CFR 58.6)
- 3. Certification of Exempt Project
- 4. Ohio Development Service Agency Office of Community Development Request for Release of Funds (RROF) and Certification for Federally funded State projects CDBG Program Income
- 5. Office of Housing and Community Partnerships RLF Grant / Loan Review Report form
- 6. Housing Semi-Annual Program Income Report
- 7. ED RLF Semi-Annual Report
- 8. Office of Housing and Community Partnerships, Ohio Small Cities CDBG Program Job Certification Summary
- 9. Ohio Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program Status Report
- 10. Notice to Public of Finding of No Significant Impact on Environment (FONSI) and Notice of Intent to Request Release of Funds (NOI/RROF) Combined Notice CDBG Program Income / RLF Loan
- 11. Notice to Proceed / Notice of Commencement
- 12. Satisfaction of Mortgage
- 13. Approve the Hiring, Promotion, Reclassification and to Rescind those actions (if necessary) of Personnel under the Commissioners Hiring Authority, excluding the Commissioners' Office
- 14. Approve Unpaid Leave of Absence requests for Employees (medical and personal) under the Commissioners Hiring Authority and the ability to Rescind those actions, excluding the Commissioners' Office
- 15. Accept Personnel Resignations, excluding the Commissioners' Office
- 16. Permission to approve revised job descriptions (established positions), excluding Commissioners' Office
- 17. Permission to advertise to fill employment positions under the Board's hiring authority, following the acceptance of a resignation, hiring, promotion or reclassification, excluding the Commissioners' Office
- 18. Increase current position postings and close if necessary.
- 19. Acknowledge new hire appointments by the Department of Job and Family Services
- 20. Concur with the Townships on Liquor License Request a Hearing to be held in County Seat or Not Request a Hearing
- 21. Acknowledge and Approve Requests for Release of Funds on Grants for the Airport Authority
- 22. Farm Market Agreements for the Department on Aging
- 23. Agreements for the use of County Parking Lots and County Property
- 24. Service Contract Agreements that are in the amount of \$10,000.00 per year or less, up to and including Multi-year Service Contracts that do not exceed the \$10,000.00 per year limit.
- 25. Approve and issue any Addendum for Competitive Bid Solicitations, Statement of Qualifications or Requests for Proposals
- 26. In the case of a lack of quorum of Commissioners and / or if session is cancelled on a regular financial day or on a day when financials need to be approved, the required approvals for county financials on behalf of the Board during the Year 2024.

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

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

#### DRAINAGE ENGINEER

Motion:

by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to appoint Joe Cattell as Drainage Engineer and set the compensation for 2024 at a bi-weekly rate of \$496.08 effective with pay #2 through pay #25 and \$496.18 for pay #26 in accordance with the Memorandum of Understanding dated January 29, 2013.

Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Lennon Aye

Commissioner Dvorak Aye Commissioner Spidalieri Aye

#### PREVAILING WAGE COORDINATORS

Motion:

by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to appoint Nicholas Gorris to serve as a Prevailing Wage Coordinator for Geauga County for 2024.

Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Lennon Aye

Commissioner Dvorak Aye Commissioner Spidalieri Aye

Motion:

by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to appoint Shane Hajjar to serve as a Prevailing Wage Coordinator for Geauga County for 2024.

Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Lennon Aye

Commissioner Dvorak Aye Commissioner Spidalieri Aye

#### CREDIT CARD AUTHORIZATION

Motion:

by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve the addition of Jessica Boalt, Josh Burton and Kevin Cunningham to the Maintenance Department Home Depot Commercial Credit Account.

Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Lennon Aye

Commissioner Dvorak Aye Commissioner Spidalieri Aye

Motion:

by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve the use of Credit Cards for the 2024 year and further authorize the President of the Board to execute the Applications for Authorization to Permit Use per O.R.C. 301.27 for the Department on Aging, Department of Development (Community and Economic), Commissioners' Office, Department of Emergency Services, Job and Family Services, Maintenance Department, Department of Water Resources, the County Auditor / ADP Office, the Clerk of Courts, the County Engineer's Office, the Common Pleas Court, including Drug Court and Adult Probation, the Probate/ Juvenile Court, the Sheriff's Office and Veteran's Services, with not to exceed monthly amounts and for specific individuals. (listed as such in the attached sheets).

Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Lennon Aye

Commissioner Dvorak Aye Commissioner Spidalieri Aye

### Department on Aging

PNC / Giant Eagle \$2,000.00

Marc's (Marc Glassman) \$2,000.00

Centerra / Hartville Hardware (Gas) \$1,000.00

BP (Gas) \$1,000.00

### PNC Giant Eagle - \$2,000.00

Christine Bacon	Duane Bidlack	Jessica Boalt
Deana Catucci	David Craig	Reba Dykes
Nathan Gorton	Hannah Heinz	Virginia Lester
Sandy McLeod	Nancy Niehus	Millissa Norris
Becky O'Reilly	Kathy Petrella	Laura Reed

Ellie Rickard Melissa Wheeler Holly Patrinec	Karen Stone Vicki Zanella	Cathie Wells Keri Skrtic
Marcs/Marc Glassman - \$2	,000.00	
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Centerra - \$1,000.00 Christine Bacon Jessica Boalt David Craig Kathy Hartz Virginia Lester Michael Niles Kathy Petrella Ellie Rickard Cathie Wells Keri Skrtic	Kristen Bibby Rudy Breunig Kevin Cunningham Hannah Heinz Sandy McLeod Becky O'Reilly Bill Phillips Karen Stone Melissa Wheeler	Duane Bidlack Joshua Burton Reba Dykes Michelle Hering Nancy Niehus Natalie Pajk Laura Reed Jeff Thomas Nathan Gorton
B/P - \$1,000.00  Duane Bidlack  Joshua Burton  Kathy Hartz  Kathy Petrella  Melissa Wheeler	Jessica Boalt Kevin Cunningham Sandy McLeod Karen Stone	Rudy Breunig Reba Dykes Michael Niles Jeff Thomas

### Department of Development (Community & Economic)

Geauga Credit Union – Visa \$1,500.00

Gina Hofstetter Elaine Malkamaki

### Commissioner's Office

Visa - \$4,000.00

Geauga Credit Union Visa

James W. DvorakRalph SpidalieriTimothy C. LennonGerard MorganKelly BidlackAdrian GortonKathy HostutlerChristine BlairDeborah AshburnMegan EricksonLinda Burhenne

### Department of Emergency Services

PNC Giant Eagle \$1,500.00 Geauga Credit Union Visa \$1,500.00

PNC Giant Eagle / Geauga Credit Union Visa

Roger Peterson Judith Oberstar Thomas Vencl M. Austin Rice

### Job and Family Services

\$7,500.00
\$1,000.00
\$3,000.00
\$5,000.00

Geauga Credit Union Visa

Gina Gubanyor Lisa Milgate Paul Reiman Alyssa Steinhoff

Craig Swenson

PNC Giant Eagle

Brooke Bourdeau Rex Brobst Rachael Brown (Tetlow) Donna Brown-

Barrow

Amy Fazi (Buresch) Patricia Fowler Cheryl Morgan

Walmart Community Card

Leslie Abbuhl Jillian Barath Dawn Bates Brooke Bourdeau Rachael Brown (Tetlow) Haley Bruck (Filko) Jasmine Burns Natalie Cavolo

(Roncagli)

Matt Cebron Kelly Cinadr (Conroy) Lauren Clark (Rakocy)
Brittany Davis Amy Fazi (Buresch) Gina Gubanyor (Schultz)

Allie Hulsmann Molly Johnson Alex Koppel Melanie Lacy

(Becker)

Heather MartinJodi MillerKristina MillerMichelle MooreCheryl MorganMegan MortonLogan OrlowskiFaith PetersCaryn RadcliffSarah Ricart (Odenweller)John RobertsJulie Seline (Dwyer)Madison ThorntonAmy TresslerBrittany

Turner

Wright Express (WEX) Fleet

Leslie AbbuhlHeidi AbramsJillian BarathLaura BaronDawn BatesJames BlazeyBrooke BourdeauRex BrobstDonna Brown-BarrowJasmine BurnsNatalie Cavolo (Roncagli)Matt CebronScott ChristopherKelly Cinadr (Conroy)

Lauren Clark (Rakocy)Michelle CmuntHaley CruikshankBrittany DavisMaureen DeMarcoAmy Fazi (Buresch)Todd ForemanMisty Gotham

Brian Guarniere Gina Gubanyor (Schultz) Ashley Higginbotham

Ashley Hollesh (Hiscox) Allie Hulsmann Molly Johnson Alex Koppel *Melanie Lacy (Becker)* Susan Legg Pauline Loveland Heather Martin Kylie McCann Peter Medved Lisa Milgate Jodi Miller Kristina Miller Michelle Moore Cheryl Morgan Megan Morton

Logan OrlowskiFaith PetersSarah Ricart (Odenweller)John RobertsJulie SelineTracy Sindelar (Olszowy)

Patricia Spisak Alyssa Steinhoff Craig Swenson Madison Thornton Kelly Thurling Amy Tressler Brittany Turner Amannda Vacik

James Zock

#### Maintenance

*Home Depot (Commercial):* 

Glen Vernick \$5,000.00 Rik Wareham \$5,000.00 Ken Kovach \$1,000.00 Connor Loza \$1,000.00 \$1,000.00 John Ludlow Nathan Munn \$1,000.00 Don Wilk \$1,000.00 Jessica Boalt (Aging) \$1,000.00 Kevin Cunningham (Aging) \$1,000.00 Josh Burton (Aging) \$1,000.00

#### Department of Water Resources

Geauga Credit Union Visa

 Nicholas J. Gorris, P.E.
 \$2,000.00

 David Osborn II
 \$2,000.00

 Linda Paranish
 \$1,000.00

 Kathleen Miller
 \$1,000.00

\$1,000.00

Home Depot (Commercial) Nicholas J. Gorris, P.E.

David Osborn II Brian Loza Karen Peterson

Ray Farinacci Dennis Powers

Brian Cain

Dana Cavallaro

Shawn Maruna

Auditor's Office / ADP

Geauga Credit Union Visa \$5,000.00

Charles Walder
Pamela McMahan
Ronald Leyde
Frank Antenucci
Allen Keener
Kate Jacobs

Clerk of Court's Office

Geauga Credit Union Visa \$800.00

Sheila M. Bevington Tammy McClintock Bonnie Guarnera

Common Pleas Court

Geauga Credit Union Visa \$1,500.00

Judge David Ondrey Judge Carolyn Paschke

David Lubecky Randy Taylor

Common Pleas Court - Drug Court

Geauga Credit Union Visa \$2,250.00

Maureen Maruna Greg Potts

Common Pleas Court - Adult Probation

Geauga Credit Union Visa \$1,500.00

Nicole Walker Danielle Bokar Matt Zupancic

County Engineer's Office

Geauga Credit Union Visa \$15,000.00 PNC Visa \$15,000.00

Geauga Credit

Kelly Baeslach Jessica Bruckman Rick Carlson Matt Carver Joe Cattell Katelyn Cellitti Nicholas Goodrich Shane Hajjar Andrew Haupt Luke Horwatt Jerad Howes Paul Kucharski Evan Miner Joe Rini Thomas Ross Jacob Scotese Katie Taylor Lee Thomas Robert Weigle Rick Weikart

Tim Woodcock

PNC

Kelly Baeslach Jessica Bruckman Matt Carver Joe Cattell Katelyn Cellitti Shane Hajjar Andrew Haupt Tom Ross

Katie Taylor Robert Weigle Rick Weikart

#### Probate/Juvenile

Geauga Credit Union Visa

Timothy J. Grendell \$2,000.00 Kimberly Laurie \$4,000.00

# Sheriff's Office

First National Bank \$1,00	00.00
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First National Bank	\$1,000.	00	
Robert Altemus	Christopher Anderson	Heather Anderson	Nichole Ansell
Breanne Ashba	David Baird	Matthew Baldwin	Brian Banville
Eric Bartholomew	James Bartlett	Rachel Baum	Thomas Berigan
Christina Bevington	Heather Bilicic	Jonathon Bilicic	William Boehnlein
Gregory Borden	Lori Borkholder	Sarah Boslett	Matthew Bosworth
Matthew Brickman	Charles Brown	Scott Capron	Cari Caudle
Carmen Centrickio	Isaiah Charlton	Julie Christian	Philip Cleveland
John Copen	James Corely	Melissa Cree	Bryan Dawson
Andrew Day	Steven Deardowski	James G Dhayer	Nathan Dhayer
Joshua East	Heather Eskridge	Justin Falcone	Travis Fasko
David Frank	Jennifer Fry	Nicholas Gaeta	Tracey Georskey
Gary Gribbons	William Haines	Jennifer Hanas	Sharon Harless
James Hildebrand Jr.	Scott Hildenbrand	Christopher Holt	Terri Houseknecht
Andrew Humar	Zachary Hupp	Daniel Itschner	Andrew Janu
Barbara Jeschelnig	Amanda Jonovich	James Jonovich	Tracy Jordan
James Kailburn	Mitchell Kelly	Rebecca Klein	John Kloski
Erin Knife	Gary Kracker	Christina Lamtman	Brian Leonard
Thomas Lombardo	David Loomis	Jonathon Lopresti	Lillian Macek
Allison Malchow	Michelle Malliski	Daniel Martin	Andrew Maryash
Cassandra Matejka	Sandra McBride	Thomas McLaughlin	Casey Merrill
Melissa Metz	Joshua Mikolajski	Eric Miller	Timothy Oboczky
Christina O'Brien	Erica O'Neill	Matthew Paul	Eric Pavlick
David Peterson	Diane Peterson	Lewis Pettit	Brian Phan
Eric Phillips	Tammy Phillips	Paul Polverine	Vincent Polverine
Randal Primer	Austin Quigley	Terrance Radcliffe	Robert Ramirez
Joseph Ray	Jeffrey Raymond	Terrance Radcliffe	Brandon Reed
Michael Reid	Carolyn Rhodes	Ella Rhodes	Kathy Rose
Thomas Rowan	Michael Santilli	Marilyn Satterfield	Lisa Sayre
Michael Scarniench	April Schreckengost	Donald Seamon	Brian Sebor
David Shaffer	Joshua Shimko	Russell Shultz	Richard Smigelski
Cody Smith	Jacob Smith	Matthew Smith	Courtney Speck
Francicso Tapia	Robin Taylor	Ryan Taylor	Stephanie Taylor
Christine Tosti	Robert Tropf	Christopher Tryon	Jaclyn Tryon
Scott Tyler	Donald Walker	Lindsey Wedge	Joshua Wendl
Hannah Willis	Michael Wilson	Grant Winney	Gretchen Wolfe
Erik Wright	Melissa Foster		

### Veteran's Services

Geauga Credit Union Visa

Michele Pemberton \$3,000.00 Randy McVicker \$3,000.00 Stacie Malone \$3,000.00 John Brickman \$3,000.00 \$ 500.00 Charles Boehnlein \$ 500.00 John Riha \$ 500.00 Doug Lundblad \$ 500.00 Kyle Petersen

### <u>COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – EXECUTIVE SESSION</u>

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to move into

Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the dismissal of a public employee

at the Department on Aging.

Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Lennon Aye

Commissioner Dvorak AyeCommissioner Spidalieri Aye

The Board moved into Executive Session at 10:13 a.m. with Mr. Morgan, Human Resources Administrator Kathy Hostutler, Director Jessica Boalt, Sandy McLeod and Attorney Amily Imbrogno. The Board, without Commissioner Dvorak\*, returned at 11:15 a.m. and as a result, the following actions were taken:

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve an

Involuntary Disability Separation for Karen Fueger from her position as Food Service Coordinator as the employee is unable to perform the essential job duties

of the position, to be effective January 8, 2024.

Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Lennon Aye

Commissioner Dvorak Absent\*
Commissioner Spidalieri Aye

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and

issue the Notice to Employee of Involuntary Disability Separation to Karen Fueger and further authorize the County Administrator to execute the letter.

Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Lennon Aye

Commissioner Dvorak Absent Commissioner Spidalieri Aye

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and

issue the Order of Involuntary Disability Separation (ADM-4055) to Karen Fueger and further execute the Order of Involuntary Disability Separation Form.

Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Lennon Aye

Commissioner Dvorak Absent Commissioner Spidalieri Aye

Local resident Diane Jones inquired if it was separation, to which it was noted it was three actions for one employee.

#### **ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

- a) A weekly report filed by the County Dog Warden of all dogs seized, impounded, redeemed or destroyed for the week ending December 27, 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 December 2023 as required by O.R.C. 325.07.

#### <u>OTHER</u>

The Board reviewed upcoming events.

#### **MEETINGS**

- Mon., 1/8 Board of Revision, Organizational meeting, 11:00 a.m. Auditor's Appraisal Conference Room
- Mon., 1/8 ADP Organizational meeting, 1:00 p.m. Auditor's Appraisal Conference Room
- Tue., 1/9 Planning Commission, 7:30 am. 12611 Ravenwood Drive, Room A333-334, Chardon
- Mon., 1/15 County Offices will be closed in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Twenty-four hour operations will continue to operate as normal.
- Thu., 1/18 The Commissioners will hold session at 9:30 a.m.
- Mon., 1/22 Family First Council, 1:30 p.m. Carlton Room, B168 12611 Ravenwood Drive, Chardon

Tue., 1/23 The Commissioners will hold session at 9:30 a.m.

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

BEING NO	O FURTHER BUSINESS TO CO.	ME BEFORE THE BOARD	
Motion:	by Commissioner Spidalieri, so meeting at 11:18 a.m.	missioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to adjourn the at 11:18 a.m.	
		Geauga County Board of Commissioners	
		Ralph Spidalieri	
		James W. Dvorak	
		Timothy C. Lennon	
Christine E	Blair, Commissioners' Clerk		

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