

Commissioners' Journal
October 17, 2023

The Geauga County Board of Commissioners met in session on October 17, 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 9:36 a.m. by leading the Board and audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Dvorak read the following prayer:

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters

He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

COMMISSIONERS OFFICE - COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

County Administrator Gerard Morgan reported on the items approved by the County Administrator on October 16, 2023 a Liquor License that we concurred with the Munson Township Trustees in requesting a hearing on the Liquor License being requested by Basil Place, LLC d.b.a. Basil Place located at 13271 Bass Lake Road, Chardon, Ohio (C NEW 0499174); 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 Appropriations transfers to the Sheriff for miscellaneous refunds, reimbursements and web checks that were deposited into the General Fund, Supplemental appropriations for Maintenance to cover increased natural gas, water utility and postage expenses, Cash transfer from the General Fund to Family First Council for the October – December commitment, Travel requests for the Common Pleas Court and Probate Court, a payment from the Commissioners' Office to ThenDesign Architecture, LTD for Phase II Basic Services and Design in the amount of \$283,151.31, a payment for the Sheriff's Office to Fuji Mats LLC for training matts for defensive tactics training in the amount of \$30,343.21 and Revenue Certification from the Common Pleas Court in the Court Technology Fund for additional unbudgeted revenue received in 2023.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute Resolution #23-172 itemizing the financials 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>

COMMON PLEAS COURT - ADULT PROBATION – RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH A NEW FUND – CCA 2.0

Adult Probation Officer Nicole Walker explained that the State is asking to consolidate the three grants into one and with that includes tracking of the grant funds, so we are asking to establish a new fund to merge the existing funds into a new one for the grant.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute Resolution #23-173 Requesting the Establish a New Fund, called CCA 2.0 which will include already established funds (#2057 – Pretrial, #2068 – Standard Probation and #2082 – Presentence Investigation).

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Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

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Resolution: #23-173

RESOLUTION REQUESTING TO ESTABLISH A NEW FUND

WHEREAS, the Common Pleas Court – Adult Probation is requesting that a new fund be established and called the CCA 2.0; and

WHEREAS, the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction, Community Corrections Grant for FY2024/2025 Community Corrections Act 2.0 (CCA 2.0); and

WHEREAS, the fund will include revenue accounts including but not limited to those which are already established as (#2057 - Pretrial), (#2068 - Standard Probation) and (#2082 - Presentence Investigation); and

WHEREAS, the accounts will include standard expense accounts including but not limited to those for other expenses and transfers out, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of County Commissioners does hereby request the Geauga County Auditor establish a new fund entitled: CCA 2.0

<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 – RESOLUTION TO ORDER THE ASPHALT RESURFACING OF MUNN ROAD (CH-0032, SECTIONS E-F) – EXECUTE TITLE SHEET FOR SPECIFICATIONS – SET BID OPENING – AUBURN AND NEWBURY TOWNSHIPS

Deputy Engineer Shane Hajjar asked the Board to execute the resolution to order the asphalt resurfacing of Munn Road, execute the title sheet for the specifications and set a bid opening on November 8th. Commissioner Lennon asked when the project would be started, to which Mr. Hajjar stated that we are trying to use funds from 2023 to reduce carryover. The project contract if awardable would be done before the end of the year and start in May of next year. There was a brief discussion about pricing and contractors having projects set up to start next years' work.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute Resolution #23-174 to Order the Asphalt Resurfacing of Munn Road (CH-0032, Sections E-F) in Auburn and Newbury Townships.

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

Further, this resolution further sets a Bid Opening on Wednesday, November 8, 2023 at 2:00 p.m. Notice of this Bid Opening will be advertised on October 19, 2023 and on the County website.

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Date: October 17, 2023
Resolution: #23-174

**RESOLUTION TO ORDER
THE ASPHALT RESURFACING OF SECTIONS E-F OF MUNN ROAD, CH-0032
IN AUBURN TOWNSHIP AND 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 Munn Road (CH-0032), Sections E-F from Stafford Road to Bell Street by constructing and reconstructing culverts, performing drainage improvements, subgrade stabilization, asphalt resurfacing and improving shoulders and related improvements as necessary in accordance with

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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 1:45 PM on November 8, 2023. Bids received will be publicly opened and read aloud at 2:00 PM the same day.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Board is hereby instructed to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the Auburn Township Board of Trustees, the Newbury 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>Aye</i>

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – CONTRACT AGREEMENT – MISSION COMMUNICATION – MONITORING AND ALARM SERVICE AT WASTEWATER LOCATIONS
Director Nicholas Gorris asked the Board to execute the contract with Mission Communication for the monitoring and alarm service at various wastewater locations. Mr. Gorris explained that the contracts are going back to 2021 and have been working on getting ADP approvals and going forward with be current.

Motion: *by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute the Contract Agreement with Mission Communication to perform Monitoring and Alarm Service at various Wastewater locations within the department for a three-year period, December 2021 – November 2024 in an amount not to exceed \$30,000.00.*

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

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – CONTRACT AGREEMENT – MISSION COMMUNICATION – MONITORING AND ALARM SERVICES AT WATER LOCATIONS
Mr. Gorris asked the Board to execute the contract with Mission Communication for the same service just at various water locations.

Motion: *by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute the Contract Agreement with Mission Communication to perform Monitoring and Alarm Service at various Water locations within the department for a three-year period, November 2021 – October 2024 in an amount not to exceed \$9,200.00.*

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

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DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – APPROVE REVISED APPLICATION FOR AUTHORIZATION TO PERMIT THE USE OF COUNTY CREDIT CARDS – REMAINDER OF 2023

Mr. Gorris asked the Board to approve the revised application for authorization to use county credit cards form the remainder of 2023, ultimately it is removing Dr. Oluic from the forms.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Revised - Application for Authorization to Permit the Use of County Credit Cards form, pursuant to O.R.C. 301.27 for the remainder of Year 2023 for a Geauga Credit Union Visa in a not to exceed per month amount for Nicholas Gorris, P.E. - \$2,000.00, David Osborn II - \$2,000.00, Linda Paranish - \$1,000.00 and Kathleen Miller - \$1,000.00.

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

There was a brief discussion about the meetings with the Hospital and Mr. Dvorak asked to include the commissioners in future meetings.

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – RESOLUTION HONORING RAYMON KOZELKA – EAGLE SCOUT

Clerk, Christine Blair explained Mr. Kozelka's Eagle Scout project and that the Board was invited to attend his court of honor on the 27th at Claridon Woodlands if they could attend.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute Resolution #23-175 Honoring Raymond Kozelka on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout, the highest achievement for a Boy Scout.

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

<i>Resolution:</i>	<i>#23-175</i>
<i>Date:</i>	<i>October 17, 2023</i>

A RESOLUTION HONORING RAYMOND KOZELKA FOR ACHIEVING EAGLE SCOUT THE HIGHEST AWARD OF ADVANCEMENT BESTOWED UPON A BOY SCOUT

WHEREAS, the Boy Scouts is a nationally acclaimed organization known for training young men to build character, citizenship, and leadership; and

WHEREAS, each scout must progress through the ranks in order, earn twenty-one (21) merit badges (that include first aid, citizenship in the community, nation and world, communication, environmental science, fitness, camping, family life, management, emergency preparedness or lifesaving, and cycling, hiking or swimming), serve six months in a leadership position within in the troop, plan and complete a service project, participate in a scoutmaster conference and complete an Eagle Scout Board of Review; and

WHEREAS, the Eagle Scout Rank is the highest advancement and an accomplishment that only around five percent of all those who start Boy Scouting ever attain; and

WHEREAS, Raymond Kozelka is a member of Boy Scout Troop #4076, Huntsburg, Ohio, Geauga County and has excelled in his search for knowledge, leadership, planning and community support; and

WHEREAS, Raymond Kozelka provided leadership at meetings, on campouts and has done an excellent job in all aspects of scouting; and

WHEREAS, Raymond Kozelka's Eagle Scout Project consisted of building and replacing the resting benches at the Ohio Division of Natural Resources Grand River Wildlife Observation Trail in Bristolville; and

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NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Geauga County Board of Commissioners salutes Raymond Kozelka for service to his community and to the Boy Scouts of America;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution becomes 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 – AUTHORIZATION OF EMPLOYEES IN COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE TO SUBMIT ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD TO THE PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE FOR REVIEW, OPINION, COMMENT AND APPROVAL OF CONTRACTS, PUBLIC RECORDS REQUESTS AND RESPONSES AND THAT ALL PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE REQUESTS BE DEEMED AS APPROVED BY THE BOARD TO THE PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE AS EMPLOYEES ARE CONTROLLED IN THEIR MANOR OF PERFORMING WORK BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Mr. Morgan explained that the Board had previously approved a resolution when the Prosecutor made the decision that he was only going to accept requests from the Commissioner's office by Board action. We had made a request and they stated that they would not accept unless it was by Board action, so in working with our outside counsel, Ms. Imbrogno provided this motion that I would like to read for you and consider action on.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to authorize the employees of the Commissioners' Office to submit on behalf of the Board, to the Prosecuting Attorney for review, opinion, comment, and approval, any contracts public records requests and responses, personnel issues, Human Resources related issues, and any other matters relating to the execution of the Board of Commissioners' duties, powers and responsibilities.

Further the Commissioners' Office requests that the Board of County Commissioners states to the Prosecuting Attorney that all past, present and future such requests from the employees in the Commissioners' Office shall be deemed to be approved by the Board of County Commissioners for submission to the Prosecutor for review, opinion, comment and approval on the Board of County Commissioners' behalf, as such employees are controlled in their manor of performing work by the Board of Commissioners.

<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>

DESTINATION GEAUGA

Director Kathy Schimer provided Passports to the Board which is the current promotion for Geauga County, that includes 38 restaurants in the book and when you dine at a restaurant in the book, have the passport stamped and once you get ten you can turn it in and earn gift cards. The first two rounds of gift cards have already been claimed and the promotion goes until the beginning of December. They printed 5,000 passports and may have to have more printed.

Mr. Dvorak mentioned an AirBnB tax. Ms. Schimer stated that Geauga has five locations that contribute to our bed tax.

ILLUMINATING COMPANY

Dean Hayne briefly discussed that they will be working on Phase II of the upgrade to the 138kv line from Leroy into Geauga County. Mr. Hayne noted that property owners in the work zone were sent notifications of the upgrade. The Board thanked Mr. Hayne for his communication with them and the residents. Mr. Spidalieri brought up the line at the airport that continues to be a stop in the growth out there, and until the line can be relocated out of the runway zone the risk remains. Mr. Spidalieri asked if he could look into it again and see if we can figure something out.

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

- a) *A weekly report filed by the County Dog Warden of all dogs seized, impounded, redeemed or destroyed for the week ending October 4, 2023 as required by O.R.C. 955.12.*
- b) *The Monthly Inventory Report, Consolidated Investment Portfolio and Obligations and Securities monthly reports filed by the Treasurer's Office for Geauga County for the Month of September 2023 pursuant to ORC 135.35(L).*

OTHER

The Board reviewed upcoming events.

MEETINGS

Thu., 10/19 Portage Geauga Juvenile Detention Center Meeting, 11:15 a.m. Portage County – Commissioners Boardroom

Mon., 10/23 Board of Revision, 9:00 a.m. Auditor's Office

Tue., 10/24 The Commissioners will hold regular session at 9:30 a.m.

Tue., 10/31 The Commissioners will hold regular session at 9:30 a.m.

Tue., 11/7 The Commissioners will hold regular session at 9:30 a.m.

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.

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

BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD

Motion: *by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to adjourn the meeting at 9:57 a.m.*

Geauga County Board of Commissioners

Ralph Spidalieri

James W. Dvorak

Timothy C. Lennon

Christine Blair, Commissioners' Clerk

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