

Commissioners' Journal
February 22, 2024

The Geauga County Board of Commissioners met in session on February 22, 2024 at 9:30 a.m. in the Commissioners' Offices located at 12611 Ravenwood Drive, 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 9:31 a.m. by leading the Board and audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Commissioner Dvorak read the following prayer:

Dear God,

I pray that you grant President Zelensky boldness, As he stands up to forces of wickedness in high places and as he stands up for the beloved country of Ukraine.

By the power of blood of the lamb, I pray that God gives you grace to overcome these forces.

I pray that you grant peace and safety for Ukraine and the countries people.

Lord, I give you all the glory, Honor and praise.

Amen.

COMMISSIONERS OFFICE - COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

County Administrator Gerard Morgan reported on the items approved by the County Administrator on February 14, 2024 for the Department of Water Resources approved hiring Robert Carter to the position of McFarland Wastewater Treatment Plant Chief Operator (#2347) to be effective February 26, 2024 at the rate of \$32.17 per hour with a one-year probationary period. This offer of employment is contingent upon the successful completion of the required pre-employment conditions and on February 20, 2024 for a Liquor License concurred with the Montville Township Trustees in not requesting a hearing on the Liquor License being requested by RRLA LLC located at 9706 Madison Road, 1st Floor only, Montville, Ohio (C TRFO 7569647), and for the Department on Aging approved hiring Mindy Hudec to the position of Full-time Information and Referral Assistant (#1017) to be effective March 4, 2024 at the rate of \$15.41 per hour with a one-year probationary period. This offer of employment is contingent upon the successful completion of the required pre-employment conditions; Approved the promotion of Elizabeth Rickard to the position of Full-time Food Service Coordinator (#1009) to be effective February 26, 2024 at the rate of \$22.56 per hour and will complete the remainder of her one-year probationary period; Approved the promotion of Joshua Burton to the position of Full-time Chore and Home Safety Projects Coordinator (#1039) to be effective February 26, 2024 at the rate of \$23.41 per hour (Grade 10, Step 2) with a 180 day probationary period; Granted permission to advertise for the position of Full-time Recreation and Education Assistant (#1005). This position will remain posted until filled; and Per action taken by the Board of Commissioners on December 19, 2023: Approved and executed the Western Reserve Area Agency on Aging Provider Agreement with the Geauga County Department on Aging for Alzheimer's Respite for the period July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024 in the amount of \$14,977.00; as authorized by Resolution #24-011 under the direction and supervision of the County Commissioners that was approved January 8, 2024 pursuant to O.R.C. 305.30.

FINANCIALS

County Administrator Gerard Morgan reported on financials from February 20, 2024 Resolution #24-023 that included a payment for the Commissioners' Office to the Geauga County Treasurer for property taxes on parcels whose taxation is not currently being appealed to the State Tax Commissioner in the amount of \$3,332.41; as approved by the County Administrator pursuant to Resolution #24-011 approved January 8, 2024 to authorize the County Administrator to execute, 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, as authorized by O.R.C. 305.30.

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APPROVE MINUTES

Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute the minutes for the meeting of December 28, 2023.

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

APPROVE FINANCIALS

Mr. Gorton explained the financials for today as including Supplemental Appropriations Transfer from the Commissioners miscellaneous account to the Probate Court and Public Defender to pay unemployment claims that had not previously been budgeted, Cash transfer from the Transportation Administration and Transportation Capital Funds to close out the Capital Fund in accordance with a petition granted by the Courts pursuant to ORC 5705.14(B) and return the balance of both funds to the County General Fund in satisfaction of an unpaid cost allocation invoice from the 2nd quarter of 2023 and to refund the balance of a cash advance granted by the Commissioners on December 10, 2019, a Formal Contract PO from Maintenance to Integrated Precision Systems, Incorporated for the purchase of additional security cameras for the Safety Center, a payment for various departments to Expert IT for computer software licenses in the amount of \$22,080.00, a payment for the County Engineer's Office to Cuyahoga Fence LLC for the Bainbridge Road Bridge in the amount of \$47,663.25, and a payment for the Sheriff's Office to Lexipol LLC for a policy training software package in the amount of \$18,845.92.

Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute Resolution #24-024 itemizing the financials for the meeting of February 22, 2024.

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

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – GEAUGA COUNTY AUDITOR'S CURRENT AGRICULTURE USE VALUATION RENEWAL APPLICATION FORM DTE – FIVE PARCELS

Mr. Gorton asked the Board to authorize the President to execute the Auditor's Current Agriculture Use Valuation Renewal Application form DTE for five parcels.

Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Geauga County Auditor's, Current Agriculture Use Valuation Renewal Application Form DTE 109(A) for five parcels (PPN#13-015313, 13-015512, 13-015513, 13-015514, and 13-015515).

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

COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE – CHANGE ORDER #1 FINAL – DECREASE CONTRACT WITH KARVO COMPANIES, INCORPORATED – ASPHALT RESURFACING OF WASHINGTON STREET, SECTIONS A-B IN BAINBRIDGE TOWNSHIP

Deputy Engineer Shane Hajjar asked the Board to execute the Change Order #1, final which is a decrease to the contract with Karvo Companies for the resurfacing of Washington Street, Sections A-B in Bainbridge Township.

Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute Change Order No. 1 and Final, decreasing the Contract with Karvo Companies, Incorporated for the Asphalt Resurfacing of Washington Street (CH-0606, Sections A-B) in Bainbridge Township in the amount of \$61,662.61.

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

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PLANNING COMMISSION – PUNDERSON LAKE DEVELOPMENT, RE-PLAT OF
SUBLOTS #117-119 AND SUBLOTS #140-141 TO CREATE SUBLOT #117R

Director Linda Crombie asked the Board to execute the replat for Punderson Lake Development, as the property owners are consolidating sublots per zoning to build a new home. They are located on Lake Drive and Springview Drive in Punderson Lake.

Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute the Punderson Lake Development, Re-Plat of Sublots #117-119 and Sublots #140-141 that creates Sublot #117R in Newbury Township.

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

PLANNING COMMISSION – HICKORY DALE ALLOTMENT RE-PLAT OF SUBLOTS #65-67
AND PART OF SUBLOT #64 TO CREATE SUBLOT #65R

Ms. Crombie asked the Board to execute the replat for Hickory Dale Allotment for a lot consolidation that is being required by zoning to accommodate the construction of a new home on Hickory Dale Drive.

Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute the Hickory Dale Allotment Re-Plat of Sublots #65-67 and Part of Sublot #64 that creates Sublot #65R in Newbury Township.

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

DEPARTMENT ON AGING – WESTERN RESERVE AREA AGENCY ON AGING SFY2023-
2024 MEDICARE SAVINGS PROGRAMS, LOW INCOME SUBSIDY AND PRESCRIPTION
DRUG ASSISTANCE, STATE HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM, AGING AND DISABILITY
RESOURCE CENTERS GRANT AGREEMENT

Administrative Services Manager Reba Dykes asked the Board to execute the grant agreement with Western Reserve Area Agency on Aging for reimbursement of time that they assist seniors with paperwork for Medicare, prescription and other programs.

Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Western Reserve Area Agency on Aging SFY2023-2024 Medicare Savings Programs, Low-income Subsidy and Prescription Drug Assistance through the Aging Network, State Health Insurance Program (SHIP) and Aging and Disability Resource Centers Grant Agreement for Geauga Seniors Age 60 and over for the period September 1, 2023 through August 31, 2024 in the amount of \$5,717.23.

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

DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES – ACCEPT STATEMENT OF
QUALIFICATIONS – PROFESSIONAL DESIGN SERVICES FROM THENDESIGN
ARCHITECTURE (TDA) AND GRANT AUTHORIZATION TO BEGIN CONTRACT
NEGOTIATIONS

Director Craig Swenson asked the Board to accept the Statement of Qualifications from ThenDesign Architecture and begin negotiations on the contract to design the new Youth Center.

Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to accept the Statement of Qualifications submitted for Professional Design Services from the one firm that submitted a response, ThenDesign Architecture (TDA) and further grant authorization to begin contract negotiations with this firm.

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

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DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES – RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COUNTY BUDGET AND FINANCE MANAGER TO REIMBURSE DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES FROM THE GENERAL FUND FOR LEVY FUNDS SUSPENDED BY PRIOR ACTION THAT PROVIDED TAX RELIEF TO COUNTY PROPERTY OWNERS

Mr. Swenson explained that this item relates to the reimbursement from the Commissioners when they suspended the collection of their levy, the Board committed to doing this and we are just asking to make that happen.

Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute Resolution #24-028 Directing the County Budget and Finance Manager to Reimburse the Geauga County Department of Job and Family Services from the General Fund for Levy Funds Suspended by Prior Action of the Board of Commissioners that Provided Tax Relief to Geauga County Property Owners.

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Date: February 22, 2024

Resolution: #24-028

A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COUNTY BUDGET AND FINANCE MANAGER TO REIMBURSE THE GEAUGA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES FROM THE GENERAL FUND FOR LEVY FUNDS SUSPENDED BY PRIOR ACTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS THAT PROVIDED TAX RELIEF TO GEAUGA COUNTY PROPERTY OWNERS

WHEREAS, The Geauga County Board of Commissioners previously passed a Resolution requesting the Geauga County Budget Commission for a one-year suspension of collection of the .50 Mill tax levy, passed in 2015, and a partial suspension of the .70 mill levy, passed in 2011, to .52 mills that provided Geauga County property owners with over \$2 million of property tax relief and served to approximately offset the County's 25% share of the 2024 inside millage tax increase; and

WHEREAS, at the time of the requested levy suspension, the Geauga County Board of Commissioners expressed an intention to replace the lost levy revenue through supplemental funding of Job and Family Services from the County general fund; and

WHEREAS, the Geauga County Budget Commission did fully suspend collection of the .50 mill Job and Family Services Levy, passed in 2015, for tax year 2023, collection year 2024 and partially suspend collection of the .70 mill Job and Family Services Levy, passed in 2011, to .52 mills for tax year 2023, collection year 2024; and

WHEREAS, the suspension of these levies resulted in an approximate \$2.4 million loss in funding for the Geauga County Department of Job and Family Services while the collection of inside millage for the general fund will see an increase of approximately \$2.4 million in collection year 2024; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners desires to reimburse the Geauga County Department of Job and Family Services through a transfer from the general fund to the public assistance fund; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners desires to align this reimbursement with the receipt of property tax collections in 2024;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Geauga Board of County Commissioners hereby directs the County Budget & Finance Manager to transfer \$2.4 million from the County general fund to the public assistance fund throughout the year 2024 to coincide with property tax collections derived from inside millage in incremental amounts as he determines.

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

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MAINTENANCE – APPROVE THE CREATION, TITLE AND JOB DESCRIPTION FOR THE POSITION OF PROJECT MANAGER (#1927), REVISED ORGANIZATIONAL CHART TO INCLUDE NEW POSITION AND REDUCE THE NUMBER OF CONTRACT COORDINATOR (#1924) POSITIONS, GRANT PERMISSION TO ADVERTISE FOR PROJECT MANAGER POSITION (#1927)

Director Glen Vernick asked the Board to approve a new position for a Project Manager (#1927), then to revise the organizational chart for the new position, but reduce the number of Contract Coordinator to one position and then advertise for the Project Manager position until filled.

Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve the creation, title and job description for the position of Project Manager (#1927) to be effective February 22, 2024.

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

Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve the revised Organizational Chart to include the position of Project Manager (#1927) and to reduce the number of positions for Contract Coordinator (#1924) from two to one position, to be effective February 22, 2024.

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

Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to grant permission to advertise for the position of Project Manager (#1927). This position will remain posted until filled.

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

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – GRANT PERMISSION TO RE-ADVERTISE FOR BIDS – AQUILLA WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Fiscal and Personnel Specialist Kathleen Miller asked the Board to grant permission to Re-Bid the Aquilla Wastewater Treatment Plant project, as no bids were received from the first bid.

Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to grant permission to Re-Advertise for Bids for the Aquilla Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvement Project, to be held on Wednesday, March 20, 2024 at 2:00 p.m. Notice of this Bid Opening will be advertised on February 29, 2024, March 7, 2024 and on the County website.

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

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – UPDATE TO THE APPLICATION FOR AUTHORIZATION TO PERMIT USE OF COUNTY CREDIT CARDS – HOME DEPOT REPLACEMENT CARD – NICHOLAS GORRIS

Ms. Miller asked the Board to update the application authorization form for Mr. Gorris as the card that was issued to him did not work so we need to update the form for the new replacement card for him.

Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Update to the Application for Authorization to Permit Use of County Credit Cards per O.R.C. 301.27 for the Year 2024 for the Home Depot Commercial Account Replacement Card for Nicholas Gorris, due to a faulty card that could not be activated.

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

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – APPROVE PLACEMENT OF KATHY PETRELLA, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR – PAID ADMINISTRATIVE LEAVE

Mr. Morgan asked the Board to place Kathy Petrella, Assistant Director on paid administrative leave.

Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve the placement of Kathy Petrella, Assistant Director on paid administrative leave effective February 14, 2024, pending the outcome of the disciplinary process.

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

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – RESOLUTION HONORING LEE IMHOF AS THE 2024 LEADERSHIP GEAUGA EMERALD LEADER AWARD WINNER

Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute Resolution #24-029 Honoring Lee Imhof as the 2024 Leadership Geauga Emerald Leader Award Winner.

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Resolution: #24-029
Date: February 22, 2024

**RESOLUTION HONORING LEE IMHOF
AS THE 2024 LEADERSHIP GEAUGA EMERALD LEADER AWARD WINNER**

WHEREAS, each year since 2001, Leadership Geauga County has recognized community leaders who have significantly enhanced the quality of life in Geauga County. The Emerald Leader Award is presented annually to an individual, a business and / or a non-profit agency that exemplifies outstanding leadership by positive contributions through volunteerism, philanthropy, or innovation that impact the quality of life in Geauga County; and

WHEREAS, Lee Imhof has made an impact on the Geauga County community in a variety of ways over the years, as previous owner of Troy Chemical Industries, it was on his commitment to finding effective, innovative solutions and on the wellbeing of his employees, including the Bridges@Work program; and

WHEREAS, Lee Imhof has contributed towards shaping the well-being of students through his dedication to education by serving thirteen years on the Berkshire Board of Education, along with economic growth, development, and dedication towards business as a founding member and Board member of Geauga Growth Partnership bringing the connection between them for students through internship programs; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Geauga County Board of Commissioners wishes to recognize Lee Imhof for his service and dedication to the community and being the recipient of the 2024 Leadership Geauga Emerald Leader Award.

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

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

Clerk, Christine Blair explained that the Kenston Service Unit will be holding their annual awards for their Scout Troops, and 1 Troop is receiving their Bronze Award, 2 Troops are receiving their Silver Award and 2 girls will be receiving their Gold Awards.

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COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – RESOLUTION HONORING JUNIOR GIRL SCOUT TROOP #70298 – BRONZE AWARD – HIGHEST AWARD FOR JUNIOR GIRL SCOUT

Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute Resolution #24-030 Honoring Junior Girl Scout Troop #70298 for achieving the Bronze Award, the Highest Award for Junior Girl Scout.

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Resolution: #24-030

Date: February 22, 2024

RESOLUTION HONORING JUNIOR GIRL SCOUT TROOP #70298 FOR ACHIEVING THE BRONZE AWARD, THE HIGHEST HONOR FOR A JUNIOR GIRL SCOUT

WHEREAS, the Girl Scouts are a nationally acclaimed organization known for training young women to build character, citizenship and leadership; and

WHEREAS, the Girl Scout Bronze Award is earned by Junior Girl Scouts, who are in fourth, fifth or sixth grade (Ages 8-12). In order to achieve the Bronze Award, the girls must complete a Junior Journey along with their Bronze Award project, which is done in a local community, as set forth from the National Girl Scouts of the United States of America organization to inspire leadership and contribution to the community; and

WHEREAS, the Girl Scout Bronze Award was earned by Kenston Junior Girl Scout Troop #70298; and

WHEREAS, Junior Girl Scout Troop #70298 completed the Agent of Change Journey and earned their Bronze Award by giving back and honoring the United States Troops and Veterans. This was completed through a "Treats for Troops" collection at Halloween, a "Warm Feet for Warriors" collection during the holidays where they collected over 200 pairs of socks and to Honor Flight by organizing thank you cards and placing them in manilla envelopes with positive patriotic messages that can be given out on future Honor Flights. Junior Girl Scout Troop #70298 Award recipients are Ava Kovalski, Kyla Kucharson, Grace Bull, Evelyn Yates, Ryan Mills, Anna Gettig, Julianna Barr, Ireland Szarka, Lilian Taber, Hanna Smith and Annie Vander Wyst and is led by Sherlyn Kucharson and Trina Kovalski; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Geauga County Board of Commissioners honor and salute Junior Girl Scout Troop #70298 for service to their community and to the Girl Scouts of the United States 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>Absent*</i>
	<i>Commissioner Dvorak</i>	<i>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Spidalieri</i>	<i>Aye</i>

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – RESOLUTION HONORING GIRL SCOUT TROOP #71117 – SILVER AWARD – HIGHEST AWARD FOR CADETTE GIRL SCOUT

Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute Resolution #24-031 Honoring Girl Scout Troop #71117 for achieving the Silver Award, the Highest Award for a Cadette Girl Scout.

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Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

*Resolution: #24-031
Date: February 22, 2024*

RESOLUTION HONORING GIRL SCOUT CADETTE TROOP #71117 FOR ACHIEVING THE SILVER AWARD, THE HIGHEST HONOR FOR A CADETTE GIRL SCOUT

WHEREAS, the Girl Scouts are a nationally acclaimed organization known for training young women to build character, citizenship and leadership. The Girl Scout Silver Award is earned by Cadette Girl Scouts, who are in sixth, seventh or eighth grade (Ages 12-14). In order to achieve the Silver Award, the girls must complete a Cadette Journey along with their Silver Award project, which is done in a local community, as set forth from the National Girl Scouts of the United States of America organization to inspire leadership and contribution to the community; and

WHEREAS, the Silver Award was earned by Girl Scout Cadette Troop #71117, Kenston Service Unit, Geauga County, and has excelled in leadership, demonstrating strong organizational skills and a sense of community and commitment; and

WHEREAS, Cadette Scout Troop #71117 earned their Silver Award by giving back to the homeless in our area, coordinating efforts with Humble Designs CLE that helps provide new beginnings for recently homeless families. Troop #71117 raised funds to purchase dressers for storage and organization in small spaces, building and delivering them to the warehouse. Troop #71117 also contributed by building an organizing storage crate for curtains, rods and finials. Cadette Scout Troop #71117 award recipients are Alaina Murphy, Audrey Kucharson, Kendall Robertson, Addison Lowe, Norah Jahn, Reagan Carnes and Lainey Bockmuller and were led by Carla Murphy and Sherlyn Kucharson; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Geauga County Board of Commissioners honor and salute Cadette Scout Troop #71117 for service to its community and to the Girl Scouts of the United States of America.

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>Absent*</i>
	<i>Commissioner Dvorak</i>	<i>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Spidalieri</i>	<i>Aye</i>

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – RESOLUTION HONORING GIRL SCOUT TROOP #71484 – SILVER AWARD – HIGHEST AWARD FOR CADETTE GIRL SCOUT

Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute Resolution #24-032 Honoring Girl Scout Troop #71484 for achieving the Silver Award, the Highest Award for a Cadette Girl Scout.

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

*Resolution: #24-032
Date: February 22, 2024*

RESOLUTION HONORING GIRL SCOUT CADETTE TROOP #71484 FOR ACHIEVING THE SILVER AWARD, THE HIGHEST HONOR FOR A CADETTE GIRL SCOUT

WHEREAS, the Girl Scouts are a nationally acclaimed organization known for training young women to build character, citizenship and leadership. The Girl Scout Silver Award is earned by Cadette Girl Scouts, who are in sixth, seventh or eighth grade (Ages 12-14). In order to achieve the Silver Award, the girls must complete a Cadette Journey along with their Silver Award project, which is done in a local community, as set forth from the National Girl Scouts of the United States of America organization to inspire leadership and contribution to the community; and

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WHEREAS, the Silver Award was earned by Girl Scout Cadette Troop #71484, Kenston Service Unit, Geauga County, and has excelled in leadership, demonstrating strong organizational skills and a sense of community and commitment; and

WHEREAS, Cadette Scout Troop #71484 earned their Silver Award by brightening a person's day through inspirational, positive sayings with a splash of color at the Kenston Middle School. After gaining permission from the school, they worked with the Art teacher and a troop parent to design their mural, which included lightbulbs. Troop #71484 used a variety of materials and tools to create their mural, once complete they worked with the Maintenance personnel at the school get it hung. Cadette Scout Troop #71484 award recipients are Addie Sharp, Emma Slates, Maggie Davis, Corrina Shirdon, Sydney Corcoran, Grace England and Eleana DeWitt and were led by Colleen Sharp; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Geauga County Board of Commissioners honor and salute Cadette Scout Troop #71484 for service to its community and to the Girl Scouts of the United States of America.

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>Absent*</i>
	<i>Commissioner Dvorak</i>	<i>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Spidalieri</i>	<i>Aye</i>

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – RESOLUTION HONORING SAMANTHA SUNDERHAFT – ACHIEVING GIRL SCOUT GOLD AWARD – HIGHEST HONOR IN GIRL SCOUTING

Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute Resolution #24-033 Honoring Samantha Sunderhaft for achieving the Girl Scout Gold Award, the Highest Honor in Girl Scouting.

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Resolution: #24-033

Date: February 22, 2024

RESOLUTION HONORING SAMANTHA SUNDERHAFT FOR ACHIEVING THE GIRL SCOUT GOLD AWARD, THE HIGHEST HONOR IN GIRL SCOUTING

WHEREAS, the Girl Scouts are a nationally acclaimed organization known for training young women to build character, citizenship and leadership; and

WHEREAS, the Girl Scout Gold Award is earned by Senior and Ambassador Girl Scouts in ninth through twelfth grade (Ages 14-18). In order to achieve the individual Gold Award, a Girl Scout must complete two Senior or Ambassador Journeys or earned the Silver Award and completed a journey, that helps solve a community problem, and is set forth from the National Girl Scouts of the United States of America organization to inspire leadership and contribution to the community; and

WHEREAS, Samantha Sunderhaft is a member of Girl Scout Troop #70852, and has excelled in leadership, demonstrating strong organizational skills and a sense of community and commitment; and

WHEREAS, Samantha Sunderhaft completed her Gold Award project on Mental Health and planned and held a Mental Health Awareness Week at her high school. Each day a certified mental health worker from places like UH and Ravenwood came in and did activities during lunch that included ways to relax and reduce stress, like coloring, stress balls, self-care, therapy dogs, massages, information on Suicide Prevention and held a purple out event during the

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football game, ending the week with a motivational speaker assembly for the whole school. Posters were placed throughout the school with saying like “Mental Health is Physical Health: and “It’s Okay not to be Okay”. This week made a huge impact on the school, and the vibe in the school has changed as well as the activities continuing beyond that week of awareness; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Geauga County Board of Commissioners honor and salute Samantha Sunderhaft for her service to her community and to the Girl Scouts of the United States 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>Absent*</i>
	<i>Commissioner Dvorak</i>	<i>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Spidalieri</i>	<i>Aye</i>

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – RESOLUTION HONORING SOPHIE VOUDRIS – ACHIEVING GIRL SCOUT GOLD AWARD – HIGHEST HONOR IN GIRL SCOUTING

Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute Resolution #24-034 Honoring Sophie Voudris for achieving the Girl Scout Gold Award, the Highest Honor in Girl Scouting.

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Resolution: #24-034
Date: February 22, 2024

RESOLUTION HONORING SOPHIE VOUDRIS FOR ACHIEVING THE GIRL SCOUT GOLD AWARD, THE HIGHEST HONOR IN GIRL SCOUTING

WHEREAS, the Girl Scouts are a nationally acclaimed organization known for training young women to build character, citizenship and leadership; and

WHEREAS, the Girl Scout Gold Award is earned by Senior and Ambassador Girl Scouts in ninth through twelfth grade (Ages 14-18). To achieve the individual Gold Award, a Girl Scout must complete two Senior or Ambassador Journeys or earned the Silver Award and completed a journey, that helps solve a community problem, and is set forth from the National Girl Scouts of the United States of America organization to inspire leadership and contribution to the community; and

WHEREAS, Sophie Voudris is a member of Girl Scout Troop #70852, and has excelled in leadership, demonstrating strong organizational skills and a sense of community and commitment; and

WHEREAS, Sophie Voudris completed her Gold Award project by planning and holding a STEAM Night event at the school for families of Kindergarten through Fifth Grade students to experience and learn about Hands-on STEAM education that includes science, technology, engineering, art and mathematics. These hands-on activities provided engagement, interest and participation of the students outside of normal school setting as a way to associate STEAM learning in a positive experience. This STEAM Night was held again this year and the school plans to continue to hold in the future; and

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NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Geauga County Board of Commissioners honor and salute Sophie Voudris for her service to her community and to the Girl Scouts of the United States 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>Absent*</i>
	<i>Commissioner Dvorak</i>	<i>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Spidalieri</i>	<i>Aye</i>

Ms. Blair explained that the next two resolutions are for the first Brother and Sister in the same Troop to receive their Eagle Scout awards.

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – RESOLUTION HONORING LILYAN WARNER – ACHIEVING EAGLE SCOUT – HIGHEST AWARD OF ADVANCEMENT BESTOWED UPON A SCOUT

Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute Resolution #24-035 Honoring Lilyan Warner for achieving Eagle Scout, the Highest Award of Advancement bestowed upon a Scout.

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Resolution: #24-035

Date: February 22, 2024

**A RESOLUTION HONORING LILYAN WARNER FOR ACHIEVING EAGLE SCOUT
THE HIGHEST AWARD OF ADVANCEMENT BESTOWED UPON A SCOUT**

WHEREAS, the Boy Scouts is a nationally acclaimed organization known for training young people 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, citizenship in the nation, citizenship in society, citizenship in the world, communication, cooking, personal fitness, personal management, camping and family life), a life rank merit badge, 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 Scouting ever attain; and

WHEREAS, Lilyan Warner is a member of Scout Troop #197 G, Burton, Ohio, Geauga County and has excelled in her search for knowledge, leadership, planning and community support; and

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

WHEREAS, Lilyan Warner's Eagle Scout Project consisted of updating the new concession stand for the Band Boosters, making new tables, shelving and purchasing a new TV to project the menu of the day during events. The Band Boosters raise funds for the band and music department; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Geauga County Board of Commissioners salutes Lilyan Warner for service to her 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.

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

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – RESOLUTION HONORING AYDEN WARNER – ACHIEVING EAGLE SCOUT – HIGHEST AWARD OF ADVANCEMENT BESTOWED UPON A SCOUT

Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute Resolution #24-036 Honoring Ayden Warner for achieving Eagle Scout, the Highest Award of Advancement bestowed upon a Scout.

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Resolution: #24-036
Date: February 22, 2024

**A RESOLUTION HONORING AYDEN WARNER FOR ACHIEVING EAGLE SCOUT
THE HIGHEST AWARD OF ADVANCEMENT BESTOWED UPON A SCOUT**

WHEREAS, the Boy Scouts is a nationally acclaimed organization known for training young people 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, citizenship in the nation, citizenship in society, citizenship in the world, communication, cooking, personal fitness, personal management, camping and family life), a life rank merit badge, 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, Ayden Warner is a member of Scout Troop #197, Burton, Ohio, Geauga County and has excelled in his search for knowledge, leadership, planning and community support; and

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

WHEREAS, Ayden Warner's Eagle Scout Project consisted of raising funds to purchase and install sixteen large industrial first aid kits in the Junior Fair Animal Barns at the Geauga County Fairgrounds. With the assistance of a donor an AED machine was provided and installed on the fairgrounds; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Geauga County Board of Commissioners salutes Ayden Warner 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.

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

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH THE GEAUGA COUNTY 9-1-1 PROGRAM REVIEW COMMITTEE, PURSUANT TO ORC 128.06 (C)(1)

Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute Resolution #24-037 to Establish the Geauga County 9-1-1 Program Review Committee, pursuant to O.R.C. 128.06 (C)(1).

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Date: February 22, 2024
Resolution: #24-037

RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH THE GEAUGA COUNTY 9-1-1 PROGRAM REVIEW COMMITTEE, PURSUANT TO O.R.C. 128.06 (C)(1)

WHEREAS, Pursuant to O.R.C. 128.06 (C)(1), Geauga County must establish a 9-1-1 Program Review Committee; and

WHEREAS, Ralph Spidalieri, President of the Board of County Commissioners shall be designated and shall serve as the Chairperson for the Geauga County 9-1-1 Review Committee; and

WHEREAS, Other members shall be established on the committee as, Sheriff Scott Hildenbrand, and Jeffrey S. Markley, Bainbridge Township Trustee; and

WHEREAS, Each committee shall maintain and amend a final plan for implementing and operating a countywide 9-1-1 system; and

WHEREAS, Each committee shall submit a report to the political subdivisions within the county and to the 9-1-1 program office detailing the sources and amount of revenue expended to support and all costs incurred to operate the countywide 9-1-1 system; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Geauga County 9-1-1 review committee is hereby established per O.R.C. 128.06.

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>Absent*</i>
	<i>Commissioner Dvorak</i>	<i>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Spidalieri</i>	<i>Aye</i>

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to move into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the employment and compensation of public employees.

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

The Board moved into Executive Session at 9:50 a.m. with Mr. Morgan, Director Dan Spada, Assistant Building Official Dale Steppenbacker and Assistant County Administrator Linda Burhenne. The Board returned at 10:27 a.m. and no action was taken.

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – REQUEST PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE TO REVIEW RESOLUTION REGARDING THE CIC, A MOU REGARDING TRANSPORTATION OF EMPLOYEES DURING MAPLE FESTIVAL AND A MOU REGARDING THE REMOVAL OF DEAD DEER

Ms. Burhenne asked the Board to request the Prosecutor's Office to review several items, including a resolution for the CIC in getting it restarted, every year the Board is required to cover a certain amount of funds for the removal of dead deer and we are working on a MOU for that, and a MOU regarding transportation of employees during the Maple Festival due to the limited parking on the square, so they would like to park at 470.

Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to request the Prosecutor's Office to review the Resolution regarding the CIC, a MOU regarding transportation of employees during the Maple Festival and a MOU regarding the removal of dead deer.

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

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

- a) *A weekly report filed by the County Dog Warden of all dogs seized, impounded, redeemed or destroyed for the week ending February 7, 2024 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 Inmate meals for the month ending January 2024.*
- c) *A monthly report filed by the Geauga County Sheriff's Office of an account of expenses for the Prisoner Transport for the month ending January 2024 as required by O.R.C. 325.07.*
- d) *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 January 2024 pursuant to ORC 135.35(L).*

OTHER

The Board reviewed upcoming events.

MEETINGS

Mon., 2/26 Family First Council, 1:30 p.m. County Office Building

Tue., 2/27 The Commissioners will hold session at 9:30 a.m.

Tue., 2/27 Geauga Trumbull Solid Waste District Meeting, 2:00 p.m. Warren, District Office

Tue., 3/5 The Commissioners will hold session at 9:30 a.m.

Tue. 3/12 Planning Commission, 7:30 a.m. 12611 Ravenwood Drive, Room A333-334, Chardon

Tue., 3/12 Investment Advisory Committee, 9:15 a.m. 12611 Ravenwood Drive, Room B303

Tue., 3/12 The Commissioners will hold session at 9:30 a.m.

QUESTIONS / COMMENTS

Local resident Diane Jones asked for more information on the five parcels included in the Agriculture Use Valuation, to which Ms. Blair explained that several of the parcels are used for farming and leases in place for that purpose. The other parcels were included in the CAUV for farming, however, are no longer being used for that purpose and that requires the change. The parcels included are the parcels across from the office building and the hospital towards Aquilla and then the other parcels are over by the County Home.

Mr. Dvorak expressed that he would like a deeper dive into the property over at the county home where the NextSteps is operating out of, and a consideration of reducing the amount of rent being paid.

Gail Roussey from the League of Women Voters asked for clarification on what the CIC was, to which Ms. Burhenne stated it was the Community Improvement Corporation, which is an economic development tool that we had for many years, and unfortunately it lapsed and we are working towards trying to get it back.

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BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to adjourn the meeting at 10:36 a.m.

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Ralph Spidalieri

James W. Dvorak

Timothy C. Lennon

Christine Blair, Commissioners' Clerk

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