

Commissioners' Journal
March 5, 2024

The Geauga County Board of Commissioners met in session on March 5, 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 9:38 a.m. by leading the Board and audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Dvorak read the following prayer:

Prayer about Truth

Lord, Jesus Christ,

You are the way, the truth and the life

Hear our prayer for truth and integrity, in all segments of society today

May the truth be spoken by us and affirmed in others, that in seeking truth, the world will come to find you, the source of all truth.

Amen

COMMISSIONERS OFFICE - COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

County Administrator Gerard Morgan reported on the items approved by the County Administrator on March 1, 2024 for the Department on Aging, approved an unpaid personal leave of absence for Nancy Niehus, Full-time Recreation and Education Assistant, for two days during the period, May 30 through May 31, 2024. This will extend her probationary period by two days; 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.

Mr. Dvorak explained that he did receive the evaluations, however asked why the Director of Maintenance was not done, to which Mr. Morgan stated that it had been done, that they would need to double check with Ms. Hostutler for the missing evaluation. Mr. Dvorak continued to ask Mr. Morgan about a letter he submitted to NextStep program about ending the lease agreement. Mr. Morgan stated that a different letter was sent regarding the space and a possible relocation in the future. Mr. Spidalieri added that there was discussion about the condition of the building and what they wanted to do, not putting money into the building, but rather moving them to the current youth center building, once the new youth center is complete.

APPROVE MINUTES

Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute the minutes for the meeting of January 4, 2024.

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

**Commissioner Dvorak was absent from this meeting.*

Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute the minutes for the meeting of January 8, 2024.

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

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 appropriation in the Veteran's General Fund payroll accounts to true up the balances to those approved in their budget hearing, Supplemental appropriation in the Building Department's equipment account for the purchase of two new replacement vehicles, Supplemental appropriations in the Airport Construction funds Building and Improvement

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account to cover an upcoming encumbrance, Travel requests for the Auditor's Office, Common Pleas Court, Emergency Services, County Engineer's Office and Geauga Trumbull Solid Waste Management District, a payment for the Commissioners' Office to Portage Geauga Juvenile Detention Center for 1st Quarter 2024 Operating Expenses in the amount of \$146,324.88, a payment for the Engineer's Office to Middlefield Farm and Garden for a worksite utility vehicle with cab in the amount of \$32,153.63 and a payment for Maintenance to Preston Ford for a 2024 Ford Escape replacement inter-departmental general use vehicle.

Mr. Lennon inquired about the Travel for the Auditor's Office being for Judge Grendell's trial, and while there are travels for different reasons. Mr. Gorton stated that it was for three employees if they are required to be present at the trial. Mr. Lennon asked for total of all legal costs and travel expenses. Mr. Spidalieri asked for clarification, including do we not have a pool car? Mr. Gorton stated they do have a pool car, it does include hotel, food and mileage if needed. Mr. Gorton added that it all depends on when they would need to be there to testify and since they are traveling for county business. Mr. Lennon noted that he wasn't sure which this trial was for, he can't keep track of all of them. Clerk Christine Blair noted that this particular complaint includes multiple things. Mr. Lennon agreed with Mr. Spidalieri about the cost of the travel. Mr. Gorton stated that by law we need to set aside the funding before the expense can happen, so this encumbrance would cover those expenses, and then the actual expenses would be paid through financials. Mr. Lennon asked if there had been any other travels for anyone else that would need to attend, to which Mr. Gorton noted that they had not seen anything from the Judges. Mr. Spidalieri stated that he would approve the financial if we are required to do this, but we need to keep track of these expenses.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute Resolution #24-039 itemizing the financials for the meeting of March 5, 2024.

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

BOARD OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES – RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING MARCH 2024 AS DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AWARENESS MONTH

Business Director, Rean Davis asked the Board to approve a resolution recognizing March as Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month. Ms. Davis stated that they are privileged to serve these individuals in Geauga County, last weekend they held a carnival to celebrate. They did a T-Shirt drive this year, along with billboards in the community and displays in the library.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute Resolution #24-040 Recognizing March 2024 as Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month.

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Date: March 5, 2024

Resolution: #24-040

**RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING MARCH 2024 AS
DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AWARENESS MONTH**

WHEREAS, The Geauga County Board of Developmental Disabilities mission and purpose is to provide vital support, services, and resources to more than 1,000 individuals with developmental disabilities and their families. Also known as The Metzenbaum Center, it is Geauga County's epicenter for individuals with developmental disabilities; and

WHEREAS, Individuals with developmental disabilities, their families, friends, neighbors, and co-workers encourage everyone to focus on the abilities of all people and to provide opportunities to function as independently and productively as possible in our community; and

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WHEREAS, continued public awareness and understanding are effective and informative ways to help address the challenges faced by people with developmental disabilities in being fully included in society; and

WHEREAS, Disabilities do not prevent individuals from being fully included in school, in the workplace, at home, as members of their families and communities; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Commissioners recognizes the need to promote and protect the human rights of all persons with disabilities and hereby proclaims March 2024 as Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Geauga County Board of Commissioners desires all residents to support individuals with developmental disabilities as they live, learn, and earn in our community. We want to build a caring County where individuals of all ages are integrated, accepted, and achieving their full potential in community life, education, and employment. We encourage all citizens to recognize that our communities are stronger when everyone works together towards equality, opportunity, and inclusion.

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

The Board presented the resolution to several clients present for today's meeting and posed for a few pictures.

AIRPORT AUTHORITY – AWARD BID – HOAR CONSTRUCTION COMPANY – HANGAR 1 IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

Business Manager Ric Blamer asked the Board to award the Bid to Hoar Construction Company for the Hangar 1 Improvements project, this includes the base bid and three alternates.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to award the Bid to Hoar Construction Company for the Hangar 1 Improvements Project in the amount of \$272,073.83 for the Base Bid, and award Alternate #1 in the amount of \$46,326.80, Alternate #2 in the amount of \$35,400.00 and Alternate #3 in the amount of \$24,190.00 for a total award amount of \$377,990.63, as they represented the lowest and best bid.

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

COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE – RESOLUTION TO ORDER THE ASPHALT RESURFACING OF WILSON MILLS ROAD, SECTIONS D-F IN CHESTER TOWNSHIP -

Deputy Engineer Shane Hajjar asked the Board to approve the resolution to order the asphalt resurfacing of Wilson Mills Road, Sections D-F in Chester Township, execute the title sheet and set the bid opening through Bid Express on March 22, 2024.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute Resolution #24-041 to Order the Asphalt Resurfacing of Wilson Mills Road (CH-0008, Sections D-F) in Chester 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 March 22, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. at the Engineer's Office using Bid Express. This Bid Opening will be advertised on March 7, 2024 and on the county website.

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Date: March 5, 2024
Resolution: #24-041

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*RESOLUTION TO ORDER THE ASPHALT
RESURFACING OF SECTIONS D-F OF WILSON MILLS ROAD
(CH-0008) IN CHESTER TOWNSHIP*

WHEREAS, the Geauga County Board of Commissioners (Board) has determined by Resolution #23-139 that the public convenience and welfare requires the improvement of Wilson Mills Road (CH-0008), Sections D-G from Chillicothe Road (SR 0306) to sixty feet (60.0') past Heath Road at the Munson Township Line 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 March 22, 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 Chester Township Board of Trustees and the Geauga County Engineer.

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

COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE – OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, OFFICE OF TECHNICAL SERVICES 2023 COUNTY HIGHWAY SYSTEM MILEAGE CERTIFICATION
Mr. Hajjar asked the Board to execute the County Highway System Mileage Certification for the 234.757 miles of public roads.

Motion: *by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute the Ohio Department of Transportation, Office of Technical Services 2023 County Highway System Mileage Certification for 234.757 miles of public roads.*

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

PROBATE / JUVENILE COURT – OHIO DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH SERVICES SUBSIDY GRANT AMENDMENT #1

The following item was on the agenda, Clerk Christine Blair noted that there was no one here from the Court, that Ms. Blair had reached out to Ms. Laurie and she stated that if you needed information to reach out to her, that she would not be in attendance. Mr. Lennon had concern about the realignment of funds, and therefore the motion was tabled.

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The Probate / Juvenile Court is requesting the Board approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Ohio Department of Youth Services Subsidy Grant Amendment #1 for FY2024 for a Realignment of Funds due to changes in staff and additional programs.

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to table the item until the Board has time find out more about the re-alignment of funds.

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

DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES – APPROVE RE-GRADE AND REVISED JOB DESCRIPTION – DEPUTY DIRECTOR (#1711) – REVISE ORGANIZATIONAL CHART – ADD ADDITIONAL DEPUTY DIRECTOR – ADVERTISE POSITION – INTERNAL FOR FIVE DAYS

Director Roger Peterson explained that since Mr. Vencl is retiring, we took a look at the job description and feel it needs to be updated and would like to re-grade the position. Mr. Peterson asked the Board to add a Deputy Director position as a way to train someone before Mr. Vencl leaves the end of April. Mr. Peterson asked the Board to advertise for the position, internally for five days.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve a re-grade and revised job description for the position of Deputy Director (#1711) to be effective March 5, 2024.

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

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve the revised Organizational Chart to add an additional Deputy Director (#1711) position to be effective March 5, 2024.

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

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to grant permission to advertise for the position of Deputy Director (#1711) internally for a period of five (5) days with applications accepted from March 11, 2024 through 4:30 p.m. March 15, 2024. If no qualified candidate is found, then advertise externally until the position is filled.

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

DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES – ACKNOWLEDGE RE-GRADE OF THOMAS VENCL, DEPUTY DIRECTOR (#1711)

Mr. Peterson asked the Board to acknowledge the re-grade of the Deputy Director position and to put Mr. Vencl there until his retirement.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to acknowledge the regrade of Thomas Vencl, Deputy Director (#1711) to a 14E at the rate of \$29.39, to be effective March 5, 2024.

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

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MAINTENANCE – SERVICE CONTRACT AGREEMENT – GARLAND DBS, INCORPORATED

Contract Coordinator Matt Sieracki asked the Board to execute the service Contract Agreement with Garland DBS to do roof repair at various locations in the county. There was a brief discussion about them being located in Cleveland.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute a service Contract Agreement with Garland DBS, Incorporated to perform roof repairs at various county buildings per the Maintenance Director for a one-year period, effective March 5, 2024, in an amount not to exceed \$30,000.00.

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

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – RESOLUTION APPROVING RETURN OF APPROVED FUNDS FROM AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021 – NO LONGER REQUIRED FOR BERKSHIRE HEIGHTS SEWER CONNECTIONS

Director Nicholas Gorris asked the Board to approve a resolution to return the unused funds from the Berkshire Heights Sewer Connections, as they have one final homeowner to connect, so we are withholding the funds for the that homeowner.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute Resolution #24-042 Approving Return of Approved Funds from American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, No Longer Required for Berkshire Heights Sewer Connections, in the amount of \$88,516.00.

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Date: March 05, 2024

Resolution: #24-042

**RESOLUTION APPROVING RETURN OF APPROVED FUNDS FROM
AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021
NO LONGER REQUIRED FOR BERKSHIRE HEIGHTS SEWER CONNECTIONS**

WHEREAS, The President of the United States signed into law the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) on March 11, 2021; and

WHEREAS, ARPA provides money to States, Counties and Municipalities to address the continuing impact of COVID-19 on the economy, public health, state and local governments, individuals and businesses; and

WHEREAS, the County has received a distribution of monies from the ARPA; and

WHEREAS, Title VI section 603(c)(1)(D) of the Federal Register provides for ARPA funds to make necessary investments in water, sewer or broadband infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners through the Department of Water Resources has constructed a public sanitary sewer and wastewater treatment plant in Chardon Township; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners approved the use of ARPA funds to pay for sewer service connections within the Berkshire Heights subdivision in an amount up to \$8,000.00 per connection on (June 28, 2022 in Resolution #22-121- rescinded) revised and replaced on August 23, 2022 in Resolution #22-156; and

WHEREAS, the connections have required additional construction at no fault of the property owner increasing the cost of constructing the service line above the \$8,000.00 maximum previously set; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners wishes not to require these property owners an added expense; and

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WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners approved the use of additional ARPA funds on October 25, 2022 in Resolution #22-178, on December 20, 2022 in Resolution #22-198, on May 9, 2023 in Resolution #23-062, on June 15, 2023 in Resolution #23-107, on July 6, 2023 in Resolution #23-118, on August 8, 2023 in Resolution #23-144, on September 12, 2023 in Resolution #23-154, and on September 26, 2023 in Resolution #23-162, in the total additional authorized amount of \$132,100.00; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners approved the use of \$8,000.00 per connection for 113 parcels totaling \$904,000.00, plus additional approved totaling \$132,100.00, for a grand total amount approved of \$1,036,100.00; and

WHEREAS, the total expensed amount of approved ARPA funds to date for sewer connections is \$938,184.00; and

WHEREAS, Parcel #06-023910 is the single remaining required parcel to connect to the sanitary sewer and has \$9,400.00 allocated to pay an installer to perform the connection; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners approves the request by the Department of Water Resources to release the remaining allocated ARPA funds for the Berkshire Heights subdivision sanitary sewer connections, with the exception of funds in the amount of \$9,400.00 allocated for Parcel #06-023940, totaling \$88,516.00, as these funds are no longer needed and remain unused.

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

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – RESOLUTION APPROVING FOR PURPOSES OF SECTION 147 (F) INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1986 – ISSUANCE OF CLEVELAND-CUYAHOGA COUNTY PORT AUTHORITY – ADJUSTABLE-RATE EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES REFUNDING BONDS SERIES 2024 – LAUREL SCHOOL

Mr. Morgan explained that the Laurel School issued bonds in 2008 with the Cuyahoga County Port Authority and those bonds are being refinanced and are asking for a resolution to support the issuance of the new refunding bonds.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute Resolution #24-043 Approving for Purposes of Section 147(F) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, the Issuance by the Cleveland-Cuyahoga County Port Authority of its Adjustable-Rate Educational Facilities Refunding Bonds, Series 2024 (Laurel School) in one or more Series in an Aggregate Principal Amount not to exceed \$16,000,000.00.

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Date: March 5, 2024
Resolution: #24-043

A RESOLUTION APPROVING FOR PURPOSES OF SECTION 147(F) OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1986, AS AMENDED, THE ISSUANCE BY THE CLEVELAND-CUYAHOGA COUNTY PORT AUTHORITY OF ITS ADJUSTABLE-RATE EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 2024 (LAUREL SCHOOL) IN ONE OR MORE SERIES IN AN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$16,000,000.00

WHEREAS, Laurel School (the “Borrower”), an Ohio nonprofit corporation and an organization described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the “Code”), has facilities located at 7420 and 7440 Fairmount Road (the “Fairmount Campus”), Russell Township, County of Geauga (the “County”) and additional facilities located at One Lyman Circle, Shaker Heights, County of Cuyahoga, Ohio (the “Shaker Campus”); and

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WHEREAS, the Cleveland-Cuyahoga County Port Authority (the "Issuer") previously issued its \$16,000,000.00 Variable Rate Educational Facilities Revenue Bonds, Series 2008 (Laurel School Project) (the "Series 2008 Bonds"), to assist the Borrower in (a) financing costs of acquiring, constructing, equipping and improving facilities owned by the Borrower, including a physical fitness and wellness center located at the Fairmount Campus and capital improvements to existing buildings located at the Shaker Campus (collectively, the "2008 Project"), and (b) refunding all of the Issuer's Variable Rate Educational Facility Revenue Bonds, Series 2004 (Laurel School Project), which were previously issued to finance or refinance costs of acquiring, constructing, equipping and improving facilities located at the Fairmount Campus (the "2004 Project" and, together with the 2008 Project, the "Projects"); and

WHEREAS, the Issuer has been requested by the Borrower to issue its Adjustable-Rate Educational Facilities Refunding Bonds, Series 2024 in one or more series in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$16,000,000.00 (the "Bonds"), to refund the outstanding Series 2008 Bonds; and

WHEREAS, in order to comply with federal income tax laws, including Section 147(f) of the Code, the Borrower has requested that the County and the Issuer hold a combined public hearing for the purpose of accepting public comments pertaining to the Projects and the proposed issuance of the Bonds, prior to the approval of the Bonds; and

WHEREAS, notice of the combined public hearing in the form attached as Exhibit A (the "Notice") was published in The News-Herald and the Plain Dealer at least seven days before the date of the combined public hearing; and

WHEREAS, the Issuer held the combined public hearing on February 27, 2024 and delivered to the County the minutes of the public hearing detailing the proceedings of the public hearing; and

WHEREAS, Section 147(f) of the Code requires that prior to their issuance, the Bonds must be approved by the "applicable elected representative" as defined therein, which approval must be given by the Board of County Commissioners of Geauga County (the "Board"); and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Geauga, Ohio:

Section 1. That the Board, as the "applicable elected representative" of the County solely for purposes of Section 147(f) of the Code and as a governmental unit having geographical jurisdiction over the area in which a portion of the Projects being refinanced with the Bonds are located, hereby approves the issuance of the Bonds by the Issuer in the maximum principal amount of \$16,000,000.00, as described in the Notice. The Bonds shall not be, and are not, general obligations, debt or bonded indebtedness of the County, and the holders or owners of the Bonds shall not have the right to have excises or taxes levied by the County for the payment of principal of, or interest or any premium on, the Bonds.

Section 2. That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Board concerning the adoption of this resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Board, and that all deliberations of this Board and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Section 3. That it is found and determined that this resolution shall be effective from and after its adoption.

The foregoing motion having been put to a vote, the result of the roll call was as follows:

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

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COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – REQUEST FOR PARTIAL PAYMENT #4 – INFINITY CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, INCORPORATED – PRECONSTRUCTION EXPENSES – COURTHOUSE EXPANSION

Mr. Morgan asked the Board to execute the request for partial payment #4 for Infinity Construction on the Courthouse Expansion – this was for preconstruction expenses.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Request for Partial Payment #4 for Infinity Construction Company, Incorporated for the Geauga County Courthouse Expansion, Preconstruction expenses in the amount of \$11,080.54.

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

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – REQUEST FOR PARTIAL PAYMENT #5 – INFINITY CONSTRUCTION COMPANY – GMP #1 – COURTHOUSE EXPANSION

Mr. Morgan asked the Board to execute the request for partial payment #5 for Infinity Construction for GMP #1 on the Courthouse Expansion.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Request for Partial Payment #5 for Infinity Construction Company for the Geauga County Courthouse Expansion, GMP #1 expenses in the amount of \$50,145.64.

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

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to move into Executive Session for the purpose of considering the sale of property at competitive bidding, pursuant to O.R.C. 121.22 (G)(2).

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

The Board moved into Executive Session at 10:10 a.m. with Mr. Morgan and Assistant County Administrator Linda Burhenne. The Board returned at 11:00 a.m. and no action was taken.

Local resident Diane Jones asked if any action was taken, to which it was noted, not at this time. Local resident Newell Howard asked when the Department on Aging was going to move into the new senior center, at the Dollar General building as there is no construction happening. The Board noted that they were still working on the legal documents for the purchase, and it hasn't been finalized. There was discussion about the Chase Building, and that they did not lose anything on it, as the sale did not move forward.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

- a) Geauga County Board of Developmental Disabilities Board Minutes from January 17, 2024
- b) A weekly report filed by the County Dog Warden of all dogs seized, impounded, redeemed or destroyed for the weeks ending February 14, 2024 and February 21, 2024 as required by O.R.C. 955.12.

OTHER

The Board reviewed upcoming events.

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MEETINGS

- 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.*
- Tue., 3/12 Regular ADP Meeting, 2:00 p.m. Auditor's Conference Room*
- Wed., 3/13 Board of Revision, 9:00 a.m. Auditor's Appraisal Conference Room*
- Mon., 3/18 Family First Meeting, 1:30 p.m., 12611 Ravenwood Drive, Room A334, Chardon*
- Tue., 3/19 The Commissioners will hold session at 9:30 a.m.*
- Thu., 3/21 Multi-County meeting regarding the Perry Nuclear Power Plant and Vistra, 1:00 p.m. at Lake County Offices*
- Tue., 3/26 The Commissioners will hold session at 9:30 a.m.*

BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to adjourn the meeting at 11:03 a.m.

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