

Commissioners' Journal
March 19, 2024

The Geauga County Board of Commissioners met in session on March 19, 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.

**Commissioner Spidalieri was absent from today's meeting*

The Vice President of the Board, James W. Dvorak opened the meeting at 9:34 a.m. by leading the Board and audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Dvorak read the following prayer:

An Irish Prayer

May God give you...

For every storm a rainbow

For every tear a smile

For every care a promise

And a Blessing in each Trial

For every problem life sends, a faithful friend to share

For every sigh, a sweet song and an answer for each prayer

Amen

FINANCIALS

County Administrator Gerard Morgan reported on financials from March 13, 2024 Resolution #24-045 that included a Blanket Purchase Order from Job and Family Services in their Emergency Services fund for additional money that they received from the State for the low income household water assistance program that they need to spend before the end of the month; 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.

COMMISSIONERS OFFICE - COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

County Administrator Gerard Morgan reported on the items approved by the County Administrator on March 13, 2024 for the Department on Aging, Approved hiring Sara Knife to the position of Full-time Recreation and Education Assistant (#1005) to be effective April 1, 2024 at the rate of \$16.84 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 Approved hiring Garth Wadleigh to the position of Part-time Recreation and Education Assistant (#1005-1) to be effective April 1, 2024 at the rate of \$16.84 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 March 15, 2024 for the Department on Aging Approve an unpaid medical leave of absence for Mindy Hudec, Full-time Information and Referral Assistant for up to four weeks beginning March 11, 2024 through April 5, 2024. This will extend her probationary period by the total number of days used during the period and for a Liquor License, Concurred with the Bainbridge Township Trustees in not requesting a hearing on the Liquor License being requested by Beer Run and Some LLC d.b.a. Beer Run and Some located at 17800 Chillicothe Road, Suite 109 Chagrin Falls, Ohio (C TRFO 0574746-0005); 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.

MAINTENANCE – SERVICE CONTRACT AGREEMENT – GEAUGA MECHANICAL COMPANY, INCORPORATED

Contract Coordinator Matt Sieracki asked the Board to execute the service contract agreement with Geauga Mechanical to install a new air conditioning unit at the Auditor's Office. Commissioner Lennon asked where it was going, to which Mr. Sieracki stated that it would be in the appraisal area and that the unit itself was put in back in the 90's and has just quit working.

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Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute a service Contract Agreement with Geauga Mechanical Company Incorporated to install a new air conditioning unit at the Geauga County Auditor's Office, for a period of sixty days, effective March 19, 2024 in an amount not to exceed \$25,000.00.

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

APPROVE FINANCIALS

Mr. Gorton explained the financials for today as including Appropriations transfer from the Commissioners miscellaneous account to the Public Defender to pay unemployment claims that had not been budgeted as well as computer replacements at the Treasurer's and Commissioners' Offices, Supplemental in the Commissioners miscellaneous Operating transfer out account and the Grant Match Transfers account to accommodate additional transfers for the ACE charter school and the Sheriff Body cam grant match payments, Supplemental from the Commissioners in the General Fund to the Maintenance Department for various equipment requests for this year including four new vehicles and two tractors, Cash transfers from the General Fund to Soil and Water for their 2024 local match funding request, Cash transfer from the Sheriff to the unemployment rotary fund, Then and Now encumbrances from the Auditor to the County Clerk of Courts for court costs related to the Board of Revisions, from the Building Department to Junction Auto Sales for two new 2024 GMC Terrain replacement vehicles, from the Common Pleas Court to Ravenwood Center for Thinking 4 Change program charges and from Emergency Services to Inspiron Logistics for the WENS Annual Service agreement, all of which had not been previously encumbered, Travel request for Department of Emergency Services, a payment for the Commissioners Office to Portage Geauga Juvenile Detention Center for 2nd quarter 2024 Operating Expenses in the amount of \$146,324.88 and a Revenue Certification from Mental Health in their Capital Reserve Fund for additional Federal Grants that they will be receiving this year which will be used for the renovation of their transitional living center.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute Resolution #24-046 itemizing the financials for the meeting of March 19, 2024.

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

GEAUGA COUNTY FARM BUREAU – RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING MARCH 19, 2024 AS NATIONAL AG DAY AND MARCH 17-23, 2024 AS NATIONAL AGRICULTURE WEEK

Farm Bureau representatives Bob Rogish, Vice President and Policy Chair, Kristen Sirna, Trustee and Commissioners Chair and Mandy Orahood, Organization Director thanked the Board for having them today. Mr. Rogish expressed that they were here today to celebrate National Agriculture Week and how important it is in our lives, from the food we eat to the clothing you wear. Mr. Rogish noted that next week there will be all new numbers about agriculture in our county. Mr. Rogish thanked the Commissioners for their continued support of agriculture. Mr. Rogish noted that they work with many different county departments, including Soil and Water, the Sheriff's Office and the Recorder's Office with the Century Farm program.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute Resolution #24-047 Recognizing March 19, 2024 as National Ag Day and March 17-23, 2024 as National Agriculture Week.

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Date: March 19, 2024

Resolution: #24-047

**RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING MARCH 19, 2024, AS NATIONAL AG DAY
AND MARCH 17 – MARCH 23, 2024, AS NATIONAL AGRICULTURE WEEK**

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WHEREAS, The Agriculture Council of America recognizes and celebrates National Agriculture Week as a way to remind citizens that agriculture is a part of all of us, this year March 19, 2024 is National Ag Day and March 17 – March 23, 2024 is National Agriculture Week, and will be celebrated across the country as “Growing a Climate for Tomorrow”; and

WHEREAS, Agriculture is the foundation of our country, the backbone of a healthy and prosperous nation all made possible thanks to the hard work of America’s farms and farm families. Each American farmer today feeds more than 165 people, a dramatic increase from just 25 people in the 1960’s, so simply put, American agriculture is doing more...and doing it better; and

WHEREAS, Agriculture plays an important role in our economy, by providing food, fiber and renewable resource products, along with the jobs involved in the processing, distribution and marketing of the food and fiber products. Agriculture touches everyone in almost every way; and

WHEREAS, Agriculture plays an important role here in Geauga County, with 1,049 farms totaling 69,907 acres of land being farmed for crops, livestock and other products. The top agriculture producers are Dairy cattle and Milk production, Livestock, Poultry and Products, Crops, Greenhouse, Nursery and Floriculture production along with Farm inputs, equipment and professional services; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Geauga County Board of Commissioners hereby recognize March 19, 2024 as National Ag Day and National Agriculture Week as March 17 – March 23, 2024 and encourages the residents of Geauga County to celebrate the achievements of all those who, working together, including our local farms, that produce the abundance of agricultural products that strengthen and enrich our community and our nation; and

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>Absent</i>

The Board presented the resolution and posed for a few pictures with the members of the Farm Bureau.

AUDITOR’S OFFICE – REVISED APPLICATION FOR AUTHORIZATION TO PERMIT USE OF COUNTY CREDIT CARDS – INCLUDE ADDITIONAL EMPLOYEE

Clerk Christine Blair explained that this is a revision to the existing credit card application on file that was done in January, this to add another employee to the approved list.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and authorize the Vice President of the Board to execute the revised Application for Authorization to Permit the Use of County Credit Cards for the Year 2024, pursuant to O.R.C. 301.27 to include Tracy Rahimi in the monthly not to exceed amount of \$5,000.00.

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

COUNTY ENGINEER’S OFFICE – UNIT PRICE CONTRACT – RONYAK BROTHERS PAVING, INCORPORATED – RESURFACING BELL STREET – NEWBURY TOWNSHIP

Deputy Engineer Shane Hajjar asked the Board to execute the Unit Price Contract with Ronyak Brothers Paving for the resurfacing of Bell Street in Newbury Township.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute the Unit Price Contract with Ronyak Brothers Paving, Incorporated for the Asphalt Resurfacing of Bell Street (CH-0010, Sections D-F) in Newbury Township in the amount \$973,585.00.

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

There was a brief discussion about the pricing for asphalt to which Mr. Hajjar stated that they are coming in about five percent below estimates, however they are coming back from what they had to increase during COVID.

COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE - RESOLUTION TO ORDER THE ASPHALT RESURFACING OF FAIRMOUNT ROAD (CH-0016, SECTIONS F-G) NEWBURY TOWNSHIP – EXECUTE TITLE SHEET OF SPECIFICATIONS – SET BID OPENING

Mr. Hajjar asked the Board to approve and execute the Resolution to Order the asphalt resurfacing of Fairmount Road in Newbury Township, execute the title sheet for the specifications and set a bid opening using Bid Express. Mr. Lennon asked what Sections F-G included, to which Mr. Hajjar noted that it is the last two sections that terminate at Auburn Road.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute Resolution #24-048 to Order the Asphalt Resurfacing of Fairmount Road (CH-0016, Sections F-G) in Newbury Township.

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

Further, this resolution sets a Bid Opening on April 5, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. to be held at the Engineer's Office through Bid Express. This Bid Opening will be advertised on March 21, 2024 and on the county website.

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Date: March 19, 2024

Resolution: #24-048

RESOLUTION TO ORDER THE ASPHALT RESURFACING OF SECTIONS F-G OF FAIRMOUNT ROAD (CH-0016) IN NEWBURY TOWNSHIP

WHEREAS, the Geauga County Board of Commissioners (Board) has determined by Resolution 24-027 that the public convenience and welfare requires the improvement of Fairmount Road (CH-0016), Sections F-G from Sperry Road to Auburn Road 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 April 5, 2024 and read publicly thereafter.

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

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

PLANNING COMMISSION – NOTTINGHAM WOODS SUBDIVISION REPLAT – SUBLOT 17RI – MUNSON TOWNSHIP

Director Linda Crombie asked the Board to approve a replat for Nottingham Woods Subdivision as 0.4743 acres is being purchased by a neighbor to create a new subplot of 6.0267 acres and will be referred to as Sublot 17RI.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute the Nottingham Woods Subdivision Replat of Sublot 17RI in Munson Township.

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

SHERIFF'S OFFICE – RESOLUTION OF AGREEMENT FOR SALE/PURCHASE OF GEAUGA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE K9 – RETIRING ROTAR TO HANDLE DEPUTY GREGORY BORDEN

Sheriff Scott Hildenbrand, Chief Deputy Tom Rowan, Deputy Gregory Borden and K9 Rotar were present today to request to retire Rotar. Deputy Borden has had Rotar for eleven years, and was purchased by the Rotary Clubs. Deputy Borden explained that Rotar has been deployed about 1,000 times in the eleven years of patrolling in Geauga County, he spent almost thirteen years with him being part of the SWAT Team, partner in tracking finding bank robbers in Painesville, searched for narcotics and serve search warrants and now he will be taking care of the chickens. Deputy Borden stated that he is starting to get old and so is his handler. Mr. Lennon thanked him for his many years of service and Rotar's services. Mr. Lennon inquired about how we are doing with K9's, to which Sheriff Hildenbrand stated that they just recently hired a deputy that had a trained K9 and he was brought with him and they purchased him for \$2,000.00. Sheriff Hildenbrand stated they have a separate K9 fund that accepts donations that gets used for training, vet bills and food.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute Resolution #24-049 of Agreement for Sale/Purchase of Geauga County Sheriff's Office K9 – Retiring for Rotar to handler Deputy Gregory Borden.

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Date: March 19, 2024

Resolution: #24-049

**RESOLUTION OF AGREEMENT FOR SALE / PURCHASE OF
GEAUGA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE K-9 – RETIRING**

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Section 9.62(C) of the Ohio Revised Code, the Geauga County Sheriff's Office ("Sheriff") hereby agrees to sell for the consideration of One Dollar (\$1.00), and Deputy Gregory Borden ("Purchaser") agrees to purchase the K-9, Rotar, ("Dog"). Purchaser has been the handler for Dog who has grown too old for duty. Collectively, the Sheriff and Purchaser shall be referred to as the "Parties"; and

WHEREAS, Purchaser hereby releases and forever discharges Sheriff, its agents, employees, heirs and assigns from any and all claims for injury, disability, loss or property destruction that may occur to anyone as a result of contact with or behavior by the Dog; and

WHEREAS, Purchaser accepts full responsibility and agrees to indemnify and hold harmless Sheriff and its agents, employees, heirs and assigns for any alleged injury or damage to any person or property that may occur or be caused by the Dog after the transfer of ownership,

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which is effective as of the date listed below, including the reasonable cost of defending such claims; and

WHEREAS, Purchaser is fully aware of the nature of the training Dog received and the nature of the work that the Dog performed during the period of ownership by the Sheriff. Purchaser understands the need to provide the Dog with suitable shelter and reasonable surroundings in keeping with its training and work experience; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Parties agree that the laws of the state of Ohio shall govern this Agreement. Any disputes arising hereunder shall be presented in a court of competent jurisdiction of Geauga County; and

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners of Geauga County, Ohio agree to the sale of K-9 Rotar to Deputy Gregory Borden for One Dollar (\$1.00) to be effective March x, 2024

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	Aye
	Commissioner Dvorak	Aye
	Commissioner Spidalieri	Absent

The Board presented him with a resolution and posed for a few pictures.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE – CONTRACT AGREEMENT – AVIAT U.S. INCORPORATED –
SHERIFF'S OFFICE MICROWAVE NETWORK UPGRADE

Sheriff Hildenbrand explained that this project has been being worked on for two years, we had to rebid the project and today we are asking the Board to execute the Contract with Aviat U.S. Incorporated. 800 MHZ System Coordinator Eric Bartholomew explained that the current system is fifteen years old. Mr. Lennon asked how long the new system will last, to which Mr. Bartholomew stated they provided eight years but extended that out to fifteen years.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute the Contract Agreement with Aviat U.S. Incorporated for the Geauga County Sheriff's Office Microwave Network Upgrade in the amount of \$664,805.00.

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

SHERIFF'S OFFICE – ACCEPT PERFORMANCE BOND – AVIAT U.S. INCORPORATED –
SHERIFF'S OFFICE MICROWAVE NETWORK UPGRADE - RELEASE BID BOND

Mr. Bartholomew asked the Board to accept the Performance Bond and then release the Bid Bond.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to accept the Performance Bond from Aviat U.S. Incorporated for the Geauga County Sheriff's Office Microwave Network Upgrade and further release the Bid Bond.

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

Sheriff Hildenbrand stated that several Deputies are down in Logan County assisting with the damage from the recent storms that caused several tornadoes.

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DEPARTMENT ON AGING – APPROVE REGRADE AND REVISED JOB DESCRIPTION – SUPPORT SERVICES COORDINATOR (#1036) – ACKNOWLEDGE RE-GRADE OF EMPLOYEE DEANA CATUCCI

Director Jessica Boalt explained that they were doing some re-organization within the agency and are asking to re-grade the Support Services Coordinator position that includes a revised job description to add additional duties to the position. Ms. Boalt stated that there is currently an employee in that position and would like to also re-grade here in the position since she is taking on these new responsibilities.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve a -Re-Grade from an 8 to a 10E and Revised Job description for the position of Support Services Coordinator (#1036) to be effective March 19, 2024.

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

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to acknowledge and approve the Re-Grade of Deana Catucci, Support Services Coordinator (#1036) to a 10E, Step 2 at the rate of \$23.41, to be effective March 19, 2024.

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

DEPARTMENT ON AGING – APPROVE RE-GRADE AND REVISED JOB DESCRIPTION – SOCIAL SERVICES COORDINATOR (#1029) – ADVERTISE POSITION – INTERNAL FOR FIVE DAYS – IF NO CANDIDATE, THEN EXTERNAL UNTIL FILLED

Ms. Boalt explained that with the re-organization process they would like to bring back a position that has been vacant for awhile that remains on the org chart and that is the Social Services Coordinator position which oversees the social services workers. Ms. Boalt asked the Board to re-grade and revise the job description. Ms. Boalt would like to advertise for this position, internally for five days and if no candidate is found then externally until the position is filled.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve the Re-Grade from 12E to 14E and Revised job description for the position of Social Services Coordinator (#1029) to be effective March 19, 2024.

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

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to grant permission to advertise for the position of Social Services Coordinator (#1029), internally for a period of five days with applications accepted from March 25, 2024 through 4:30 p.m. on March 29, 2024.

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

DEPARTMENT ON AGING – ABOLISH POSITION – ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT III (#1006)

Ms. Boalt explained that the Administrative Assistant III position is no longer needed and would like to abolish the position.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to abolish the position of Administrative Assistant III (#1006) to be effective March 19, 2024.

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

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DEPARTMENT ON AGING – APPROVE REVISED ORGANIZATIONAL CHART – SHIFT INFORMATION AND REFERRAL ASSISTANTS UNDER SUPPORT SERVICES COORDINATOR AND REMOVE ABOLISHED ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT III

Ms. Boalt asked the Board to approve the revised organizational chart that includes all of the approved changes in re-grades, position shifts and to remove the now abolished position.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve the revised Organizational Chart to shift the Information and Referral Assistants under the Support Services Coordinator and remove the Abolished Administrative Assistant III position to be effective March 19, 2024.

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

BUILDING – ACCEPT RESIGNATION – DALE STEPPENBACKER, ASSISTANT BUILDING OFFICIAL

Mr. Morgan explained that Mr. Steppenbacker, the Assistant Building Official has tendered his letter of resignation and are working with Mr. Spada on doing some re-organization within the department.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to accept the resignation of Dale Steppenbacker, Assistant Building Official, to be effective March 22, 2024.

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

DESTINATION GEAUGA

Kathy Schimer explained that Destination Geauga will be doing their annual Spring Drive it Yourself Tour on May 18th and the finale will be held at Adam Hall. Ms. Schimer noted that she was able to get her members to do it in three days and have eleven sponsors. Ms. Schimer noted that membership is still growing, adding six new members so far this year. Mr. Dvorak expressed that he would like to see Destination Geauga and Century Village receive the same amount of funding as the fair, and hopefully one day we will get there. There was a brief discussion about bed tax coming back up since COVID. Mr. Lennon added that maybe someday we will have a hotel in Geauga County that will help.

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – AGREEMENT – MKDF ENTERPRISES, LLC D.B.A. HEALTHWORKS – PERFORM SCREENINGS

Human Resources Specialist Kelly Bidlack explained that in the past CEBCO has paid for the onsite healthcare screenings for employees on our healthcare plan and this year they are not doing that. Ms. Bidlack asked the Board to approve an agreement with MKDF Enterprises, LLC d.b.a. Healthworks to handle the screenings for this year and will paid for using Wellness Grant funds.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute the Agreement with MKDF Enterprises, LLC d.b.a. Healthworks to provide Biometric Screening-venipuncture services to Geauga County Employee Health Plan Members at various county locations during the Month of April 2024, providing all necessary services, materials, scheduling tools and confidential reporting, effective March 19, 2024 through December 31, 2024 in an amount not to exceed \$2,000.00, and further approve and authorize the Vice President of the Board to execute the Healthworks proposal and service agreement. This service will be paid for using funds from the CEBCO Wellness Grant.

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

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COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – CONTRACT MAINTENANCE FORM #8 – NV5 - EXTEND DATE OF COMPLETION AND INCREASE CONTRACT AMOUNT – GEAUGA COUNTY OFFICE BUILDING

Mr. Morgan asked the Board to approve the Contract Maintenance Form #8 with NV5 to extend the date of completion and increase the contract which allows them to help us wrap up the punch list of items on the county office building.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute Contract Maintenance Form #8 for the Contract with NV5, extending the date of completion 212 days through August 31, 2024 and increasing the Contract amount for Post Occupancy Change Management Services on the Geauga County Office Building in the amount of \$72,203.00.

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

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

- a) A weekly report filed by the County Dog Warden of all dogs seized, impounded, redeemed or destroyed for the week ending March 6, 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 February 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 February 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 February 2024 pursuant to ORC 135.35(L).

OTHER

The Board reviewed upcoming events. Ms. Blair noted that the meeting that was scheduled with *Vistra* had been cancelled and will be rescheduled for a later date.

MEETINGS

- Mon., 3/18 Family First Meeting, 1:30 p.m., 12611 Ravenwood Drive, Room A334, Chardon
- Thu., 3/21 Geauga County 9-1-1 Program Review Committee, 8:30 a.m., 12611 Ravenwood Drive, Room B303, Chardon
- Tue., 3/26 The Commissioners will hold session at 9:30 a.m.
- Wed., 3/27 Board of Revision, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Auditor's Appraisal Conference Room
- Mon., 4/1 OneOhio Region 13 Board meeting, 10:00 a.m. 12611 Ravenwood Drive, Room B167
- Tue., 4/2 The Commissioners will hold session at 9:30 a.m.
- Wed., 4/3 NOC COG Board meeting, 11:00 a.m. OMJ Portage County

PUBLIC COMMENT / QUESTIONS

Local resident Diane Jones asked who NV5 is and explain the \$72,000.00 means for the taxpayer, to which Mr. Morgan stated that NV5 is the Owners Representative on the county office building, but also now on the Courthouse project. Mr. Morgan explained that we have been having trouble getting the contractor to finish and finalize all the items on the punch list. The cost covers the additional 212 days of the contract. This additional cost of funds take the total of the contract to a little over a million dollars.

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George Zehnder from Chester Township expressed that he was speaking for Veterans that are scattered across Geauga County and Americas 250 for the Semiquincentennial. Mr. Zehnder explained that the Americas 250 resolution would allow non-profit organizations to apply for grants. Mr. Zehnder explained that they have been working on cleaning headstones and the Veterans Service Commission helped them to replace a headstone for veterans of the civil war. Mr. Dvorak expressed that CCAO approves of it and they can consider working on getting the resolution approved.

BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to adjourn the meeting at 10:14 a.m.

Geauga County Board of Commissioners

Ralph Spidalieri

James W. Dvorak

Timothy C. Lennon

Christine Blair, Commissioners' Clerk

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