

Commissioners' Journal
August 6, 2024

The Geauga County Board of Commissioners met in session on August 6, 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 9:36 a.m. by leading the Board and audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Dvorak read the following prayer:

Heavenly Father

I want my life to glorify you

Give me your strength moment by moment, day by day

You have said that you will provide a way of escape

Be with me as I run away from my addiction and run toward the comfort of your arms.

Amen

COMMISSIONERS OFFICE - COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

County Administrator Gerard Morgan reported on what he approved on July 30, 2024 that included for Community and Economic Development to Accept and approve the Housing Revolving Loan Fund Program Income Report and the Economic Development Revolving Loan Fund Semi-Annual Report for the period January 1, 2024 through June 30, 2024 and further authorize the electronic submission of these reports and on August 1, 2024 that included for the Department on Aging to Accept the resignation of Garth Wadleigh, Full-time Recreation and Education Assistant (#1005) to be effective August 9, 2024, for the Department of Job and Family Services Acknowledged the following new hire appointments, as the Executive Director of Job and Family Services complied with the Board of Commissioners' recruitment and hiring procedures for: Robin Schwed, Social Services Worker II (replacement) – effective July 1, 2024, Cassandra Kuharik, Human Resources Assistant (replacement) – effective July 8, 2024 and Christina Bender, Clerical Specialist III (replacement) – effective July 23, 2024; a Liquor License that Concurred with the Bainbridge Township Trustees in not requesting a hearing on the Liquor License being requested by Han Ventures LLC d.b.a. Hammer and Nails Grooming Shop for Guys located at 7175 Aurora Road, Aurora, Ohio (C NEW 3564798) and for the Commissioners, Approved and executed the Agreement with the Chardon Square Association for use of the lawn area and sidewalks along Short Court and in front of the Courthouse during the Chardon Arts Festival on Sunday, August 4, 2024 between 7:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.; 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.

MEETING MINUTES

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

<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 Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute the minutes for the meeting of June 11, 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>Aye</i>

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute the minutes for the meeting of June 18, 2024.

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

Motion: *by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute the minutes for the meeting of June 25, 2024.*

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

**Commissioner Spidalieri was absent from this meeting.*

APPROVE FINANCIALS

Mr. Gorton explained the financials for today as including Supplemental Appropriations from Mental Health in the Capital Reserve Fund to increase contract services and project contracts accounts in preparation or bids coming back on the construction of their transitional living center Cash transfer from the Commissioners' office to the Airport Construction Fund to provide the local match for the upcoming parallel taxiway project, Travel requests for the Common Pleas Court and Job and Family Services, a payment for the Commissioners' Office to NOACA for fiscal year 2025 membership dues in the amount of \$34,629.00 (July 2024 – June 2025), a payment for Maintenance to Meridian Construction Services, Incorporated for the Auditor's Office Basement Remodel project in the amount of \$59,519.34, and a Revenue Certification for the Commissioners' Office in the Capital Reserve Fund Phase II for money being transferred from the General Fund.

Motion: *by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to approve and execute Resolution #24-145 itemizing the financials for the meeting of August 6, 2024.*

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

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – REVISED ACCOUNTING FORMS AUTHORIZATION FORMS - PAYROLL AUTHORIZATION FORMS

Mr. Gorton asked the Board to approve the revised accounting forms authorization forms and payroll authorization forms for several departments.

Motion: *by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Revised Accounting Forms Authorization Forms for Building, Department of Emergency Services and Maintenance and Payroll Authorization Forms for Building, Community and Economic Development, Dog Warden, Department of Emergency Services and Maintenance.*

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

AIRPORT AUTHORITY – REQUEST FOR PARTIAL PAYMENT #2 – KENNY HOAR CONSTRUCTION COMPANY – HANGAR ONE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Airport Manager Ric Blamer asked the Board to approve the request for partial payment #2 for the Hangar One Improvement project. Commissioner Lennon asked for an update on the project, to which Mr. Blamer noted that the project is about 99% done, with just a few minor punch list items left.

Motion: *by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Request for Partial Payment #2 for Kenny Hoar Construction Company for the Hangar One Improvement Project in the amount of \$148,351.52.*

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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>

Mr. Spidalieri brought up that the existing door on hangar two is old and having issues, and what it would cost to replace with a new door. Mr. Blamer noted that the door itself could be about \$30,000.00 but would also need some modifications to the building.

MENTAL HEALTH – RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AUGUST 31, 2024 AS INTERNATIONAL OVERDOSE AWARENESS DAY #TOGETHERWECAN#ENDOVERDOSE

Director Christine Lakomiak explained that last year the Board recognized International Overdose Awareness Day and we are back to ask the Board to again recognize that day, which is August 31st. Ms. Lakomiak explained that this is the world's largest campaign to end overdose, but also acknowledges the profound grief felt by family and friends who have lost loved ones or have sustained permanent injury from drug overdose. The message sent is about the tragedy of overdose death, but that it is also preventable. Local communities around Ohio and the world are coming together to remember those that have died and suffered. This year's theme is #TogetherWeCan and are highlighting the strength of standing together, this creates a powerful collective action and no one should stand alone in the fight to end overdose, those fighting an addiction, or those heartbroken over the loss of loved ones. On August 31st we are reaching out and connecting with the global movement, there are several activities planned throughout the month in the County. Please know that you are not alone and there is help out there, the COPE Line and 988 are there to assist in many ways. Ms. Lakomiak mentioned several events are planned in the community, and appreciate the Boards partnership during the fair, with attendance of over 200,000 people that weekend, it's a great opportunity to be in the Bell Building as a way to spread resources and information for that need help and support. Ms. Lakomiak thanked the Board again and appreciate being able to partner with the Board. Mr. Lennon talked about overdose being a poison and murder, and the numbers each year are shocking. Mr. Lennon inquired about opioid settlement funds being able to help towards this. Mr. Dvorak mentioned OneOhio Region 13 and that there are funds from the different drug settlements and hope to combine those funds with the OneOhio funds to help fill in gaps to get help to people.

Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to approve and execute Resolution #24-146 Recognizing August 31, 2024 as International Overdose Awareness Day, #TogetherWeCan#EndOverdose.

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Resolution: #24-146
Date: August 6, 2024

**RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AUGUST 31, 2024, AS
INTERNATIONAL OVERDOSE AWARENESS DAY
#TogetherWeCan#EndOverdose**

WHEREAS, People in our community are affected by overdose in a variety of ways, it could be a family member grieving the loss of a loved one, a friend or even a co-worker, but also those that are on the front line, as a first responder or caregiver that selflessly assume the role of lifesaver; and

WHEREAS, As a community Geauga County wants to "Recognize those people who go unseen" and honor those whose lives have been changed as a result of an overdose; and

WHEREAS, We want express to them, that they are not left to bear this burden alone, that we see them, we hear them and offer strength to help them stand and raise awareness about the hidden impacts of overdose; and

WHEREAS, Overdose is public health crisis and we want to send a strong message about overdose being not only tragic, but also preventable, and through education we can raise awareness; and

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WHEREAS, Geauga County Board of Mental Health and Recovery Services will be raising awareness in Geauga County on August 31, 2024, in honor of International Overdose Awareness Day, this year's theme is #TogetherWeCan#EndOverdose, and will hold several events in August throughout the County; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Geauga County Board of County Commissioners along with the Board of Mental Health and Recovery Services recognize August 31, 2024, as International Overdose Awareness Day.

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

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

Director Craig Swenson agreed with the affects of overdose and that they see it with children and families, and agree that it is a poisoning, as you never know what it is laced with, and what is coming in across the border and support Mental Health and thank the Board for the support.

JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES – ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT – CERTIFICATE OF ESTIMATED PROPERTY TAX REVENUE – RENEWAL OF .5 MILL NECESSARY REQUIREMENTS LEVY

Director Craig Swenson explained that the next items are the second part of getting their .5 mill levy renewal on the ballot. As you know Job and Family, specifically children's services is supported by levy dollars, including a .5 mill and a .7 mill. Mr. Swenson asked the Board to acknowledge receipt of the certificate from the Auditor's Office about the estimated property tax revenue and then the resolution to actually place the levy on the ballot.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to acknowledge receipt of the Certificate of Estimated Property Tax Revenue in regard to the renewal of a .5 Mill necessary requirements levy.

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

JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES – RESOLUTION DECLARING IT NECESSARY TO LEVY A TAX IN EXCESS OF THE TEN MILL LIMITATION – PROVIDE FOR THE NECESSARY REQUIREMENTS – RENEWAL OF 5 MILL LEVY

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute Resolution #24-147 Declaring it Necessary to Levy a Tax in Excess of the Ten Mill Limitation and to Provide for the Necessary Requirements of the Geauga County Department of Job and Family Services per O.R.C. 5705.07 and 5705.24.

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Resolution: #24-147
Date: August 6, 2024

RESOLUTION NO. 24-147

A RESOLUTION DECLARING IT NECESSARY TO LEVY A TAX IN EXCESS OF THE TEN MILL LIMITATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE NECESSARY REQUIREMENTS OF THE GEAUGA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES PER O.R.C. 5705.07 and 5705.24

The Board of County Commissioners of the County of Geauga, State of Ohio, met in regular session on the 6th day of August, 2024, commencing at 9:30 o'clock a.m. at the

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*Commissioners' Meeting Room, 12611 Ravenwood Drive, Room B303, Chardon, Ohio, 44024,
with the following members present:*

Ralph Spidalieri James W. Dvorak Timothy C. Lennon

The Clerk advised the Board of County Commissioners that the notice requirements of Ohio Revised Code §121.22 and the implementing rules adopted by the Board thereto were complied with for the meeting.

Commissioner Lennon moved for the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the amount of taxes which may be raised within the ten-mill limitation by levies on the current tax duplicate will be insufficient to provide an adequate amount for the necessary requirements of the Geauga County Department of Job and Family Services, organized pursuant to Ohio Revised Code §329.01, and that it is necessary to levy a tax in excess of such limitation for the purpose of providing the Geauga County Department of Job and Family Services with sufficient funds for providing preventative services to abused, neglected, and abandoned children, for the care and placement of children in foster and adoptive homes by the Geauga County Department of Job and Family Services and for any operating or capital improvement expenditure necessary for the support of children services and the care and placement of children as provided and authorized in Ohio Revised Code §329.04;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Geauga, State of Ohio, two-thirds of all members elected thereto concurring, that:

Section 1. It is necessary to levy a tax in excess of the ten mill limitation for the benefit of the Geauga County Department of Job and Family Services with sufficient funds for providing preventative services to abused, neglected, and abandoned children, for the care and placement of children in foster and adoptive homes by the Geauga County Department of Job and Family Services and for any operating or capital improvement expenditure necessary for the support of children services and the care and placement of children as provided and authorized in Ohio Revised Code §329.04 at a rate of five-tenths (0.5) of one mill for each one dollar (\$1.00) of taxable value, which amounts to five dollars and no cents (\$5.00) for each one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00) of the County Auditor's appraised value, for a period of five (5) years and which levy is a renewal of an existing five-tenths (0.5) of one mill levy first voted on in 2015. The tax shall be levied in tax year 2025 and begin collection in year 2026.

Section 2. The ballot measure shall be submitted to the entire territory of Geauga County and the tax shall be levied on the entire territory and within Geauga County.

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Section 3. *The levy is to be placed on the ballot at the election held on November 5, 2024, and shall first be levied in tax year 2025 and begin collection in 2026.*

Section 4. *The Commissioner's Clerk of the Geauga County Board of Commissioners is hereby directed to certify a copy of this Resolution, along with Resolution #24-142 and the certification from the County Auditor received pursuant to Ohio Revised Code §5705.03(B)(2) to the Board of Elections, Geauga County, Ohio on or before August 7, 2024 by 4:00 p.m. local time and notify said Board of Elections to cause notice of election on the question of levying said tax to be given as required by law.*

Section 6. *This Board finds and determines that all formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution were taken in an open meeting of this Board and that all deliberations of this Board and of any committees that resulted in those formal actions were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with the law, including Ohio Revised Code §121.22.*

Commissioner Dvorak seconded the motion.

<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>

JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES – AGREEMENT – ARCHITECT TDA (THEDESIGN ARCHITECTURE, LLC) – DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION ADMINISTRATION SERVICES – NEW GEAUGA COUNTY YOUTH CENTER

Mr. Swenson expressed excitement about getting the agreement signed between the architect, TDA and the Board for their part in the process of working towards building a new Youth Center. Mr. Swenson noted that they have been looking at options for property and the placement of the new center on the property, either behind the current center or south on the property. Mr. Lennon expressed that this has been a long-time dream of Mr. Swenson's to get this finally happening. There was a brief discussion about what will happen with the current building once the new facility is built, and an idea was to consider moving the NextStep program into the building, as it is a very important program and would be helpful to them for the upgrade, but need to consider a mix of the two programs in close proximity. We will figure it out, we have to and continue to provide great services for them. Mr. Swenson added that once the new facility is ready we will be able to bring back youth that have been sent to other facilities and it will allow them visitation with family and be helpful to them.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute the Agreement between the Owner (Gauga County Board of Commissioners) and Architect TDA (ThenDesign Architecture, LLC) for Design and Construction Administration Services for a New Gauga County Youth Home and Renovation of Existing Gauga County Youth Home to be effective August 6, 2024 in an amount not to exceed \$490,000.00.

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

MAINTENANCE – SERVICE CONTRACT AGREEMENT – DEX IMAGING, LLC

Contract Coordinator Matt Sieracki asked the Board to approve a service contract agreement with DEX Imaging for maintenance on the copiers.

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Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute the service Contract Agreement with DEX Imaging, LLC to provide maintenance services on the department's copier (Kyocera 3553ci) for a three-year period, effective August 6, 2024 in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00.

Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Lennon	Aye
Commissioner Dvorak	Aye
Commissioner Spidalieri	Aye

MAINTENANCE – SERVICE CONTRACT AGREEMENT – CLEVELAND VICON COMPANY

Mr. Sieracki asked the Board to approve a service contract with Cleveland Vicon Company for door, lock and key services at various locations.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute the service Contract Agreement with Cleveland Vicon Company to perform door, lock and key services at various county locations per the Director for the period September 8, 2024 through September 7, 2026 in an amount not to exceed \$30,000.00.

Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Lennon	Aye
Commissioner Dvorak	Aye
Commissioner Spidalieri	Aye

MAINTENANCE – CONTRACT AGREEMENT – S.A. COMUNALE COMPANY, INCORPORATED – HVAC MAINTENANCE AND ON CALL SERVICES – SOUTH COUNTY LOCATIONS

Mr. Sieracki asked the Board to execute the contract with S. A. Comunale for HVAC maintenance and on-call services for the SOUTH end of the county, this is for a three year period. Mr. Lennon inquired about this project going out to bid, and which Mr. Sieracki confirmed that it had, and this will cover all the buildings on the south end, including Dog Warden and DES.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute the Contract Agreement with S. A. Comunale Company, Incorporated to provide HVAC Maintenance and on-call services per the Director at various County Locations for the 2024-2027 South HVAC maintenance project in the amount of \$94,881.00 (\$14,520.00 for 2024-2025, \$14,995.00 for 2025-2026, \$15,406.30 for 2026-2027 and for service at the labor rates for 2024-2027 in an amount not to exceed \$50,000.00).

Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Lennon	Aye
Commissioner Dvorak	Aye
Commissioner Spidalieri	Aye

MAINTENANCE – ADVERTISE BIDS -WEST GEAUGA SENIOR CENTER CONDENSER UNIT UPGRADE

Mr. Sieracki asked the Board to grant permission to advertise for the West Geauga Senior Center Condenser Unit upgrade.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to grant permission to advertise for bids for the West Geauga Senior Center Condenser Unit Upgrade to be held on Wednesday, September 11, 2024 at 2:00 p.m. Notice of this Bid Opening will be advertised on August 15, 2024, August 22, 2024 and on the county website.

Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Lennon	Aye
Commissioner Dvorak	Aye
Commissioner Spidalieri	Aye

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DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – SERVICE CONTRACT AGREEMENTS – MISSION COMMUNICATIONS – WATER LOCATIONS AND WASTEWATER LOCATIONS

Director Nicholas Gorris asked the Board to approve service contract agreements with Mission Communications to do the monitoring of their alarms at both Water and Wastewater locations.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute the service Contract Agreement with Mission Communication to perform Monitoring and Alarm Service at various Water locations within the department for a one-year period, effective August 6, 2024 in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00.

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

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute the service Contract Agreement with Mission Communication to perform Monitoring and Alarm Service at various Wastewater locations within the department for a one-year period, effective August 6, 2024 in an amount not to exceed \$30,000.00.

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

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – RESOLUTION APPROVING AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021 EXPENDITURE FOR SERVICES CENTER DRINKING WATER SYSTEM

Mr. Gorris asked the Board to approve the resolution for the use of ARPA funds for the services center drinking water system, which includes various projects, expanding capacity, adding to the well field, upgrading filtration and power controls, keeping it going for the next 20-30 years.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute Resolution #24-148 Approving American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 Expenditure for the Services Center Drinking Water System in the amount of \$1,000,000.00.

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Date: August 6, 2024

Resolution: #24-148

**RESOLUTION APPROVING
AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021 EXPENDITURE
SERVICES CENTER DRINKING WATER SYSTEM**

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 (BOCC) through the Department of Water Resources operates and maintains the Services Center Water System in Claridon Township; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Water Resources has the responsibility to administer, maintain, replace, upgrade and/or expand the Services Center water system to ensure and support the delivery of drinking water to the service area; and

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WHEREAS, the following projects have been identified by the Department of Water Resources requiring maintenance, replacement, upgrade or expansion of the Services Center drinking water system, and as eligible projects under the EPA's Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (SWSRF), also qualify as eligible uses of ARPA/SLFRF funds:

- Expand the storage capacity of the system up to an additional 48,000 gallons providing a maximum onsite storage capacity totaling 398,000 gallons.
- Expand the system well field infrastructure reserves.
- Expand the existing raw water supply from two active wells to four.
- Upgrade the existing water plant to include the controls necessary to incorporate the two additional wells into the current water system.
- Replace the existing raw water lines from the existing wells to the plant.
- Replace the existing onsite back-up power and controls.
- Expand plant filtration systems to allow for maintenance and redundancy; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners approves an encumbrance within the ARPA fund in the amount of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) for the Engineering, Procurement, Installation, Inspection, Engineering Administration of the Services Center drinking water system as referenced herein.

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	Aye

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – AUTHORIZE PROSECUTING ATTORNEY JAMES FLAIZ TO EXECUTE PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT – KROGER NATIONAL OPIOID SETTLEMENT

Mr. Morgan explained that this is another settlement we became aware of and are asking the Board authorize Mr. Flaiz to execute the participation agreement on behalf of Geauga County. Mr. Dvorak explained that over the course of the last few years they have been working with other counties and the state on obtaining settlement funds.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to authorize Prosecuting Attorney, James Flaiz to execute the Participation Agreement on behalf of Geauga County regarding the Kroger National Opioid Settlement (CL-795173) as the Board of Commissioners approves the settlement with this entity.

Roll Call Vote:	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 discussing the employment and compensation of a public employee in the Building Department.

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

The Board moved into Executive Session at 10:14 a.m. with Mr. Morgan, Assistant County Administrator Linda Burhenne and Chief Building Official / Director Dan Spada. The Board returned at 11:20 a.m. and as a result the following action was taken:

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve the promotion of Michael Davet to the position of Assistant Building Official (#1102) to be effective August 19, 2024 at the rate of \$47.29 per hour (Grade E16, Step 9) with a one-year probationary period.

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

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COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – RESOLUTION TO HOLD A WORK SESSION WITH THE GEAUGA COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY / FAIR BOARD AT THE FAIRGROUNDS

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute Resolution #24-149 to hold a Work Session with the Geauga County Agricultural Society/ Fair Board to be held at the Geauga County Fairgrounds on August 6, 2024 at 11:30 a.m. as part of their regular meeting, per action taken on July 30, 2024.

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Date: August 6, 2024

Resolution: #24-149

RESOLUTION TO HOLD A WORK SESSION WITH THE GEAUGA COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY/FAIR BOARD TO BE HELD AT THE GEAUGA COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners took action on July 30, 2024 to schedule a Work Session at 11:30 a.m. with the Geauga County Agricultural Society/Fair Board members to discuss matters relating to the upcoming fair and the fairgrounds; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners desires to hold this Work Session at the Geauga County Fairgrounds Offices, located at 14373 North Cheshire Street, Burton; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the Board to increase public awareness and access to the meetings of the Board of County Commissioners; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board will hold a Work Session as part of their regular meeting on Tuesday, August 6, 2024 at 11:30 a.m. at the Geauga County Fairground offices located at 14373 North Cheshire Street, Burton, Ohio, to meet with the Geauga County Agricultural Society / Fair Board members to discuss the matters set forth above; 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>Aye</i>

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – CANCEL SESSION – AUGUST 27, 2024 DUE TO REGULAR MEETING AT FAIR

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to cancel session on Tuesday, August 27, 2024, due to the regular meeting scheduled on Thursday, August 29, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. at the Fair.

<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 ESTABLISHING THE LOCATION AND TIME OF THE AUGUST 29, 2024 REGULAR MEETING AT 10.00 A.M. AT THE JUNIOR FAIR STAGE – GEAUGA COUNTY FAIR

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute Resolution #24-150 Establishing the Location and Time of the August 29, 2024, Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners to be held at 10:00 a.m. at the Great Geauga County Fair.

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Date: August 6, 2024

Resolution: #24-150

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*RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE LOCATION AND TIME OF THE AUGUST 29, 2024
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
TO BE HELD AT 10:00 A.M. AT THE GREAT GEAUGA COUNTY FAIR*

WHEREAS, The Geauga County Board of Commissioners would like to recognize the Great Geauga County Fair, as Ohio's Oldest County Fair; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the Board to increase public awareness and access to the meetings of the Board of County Commissioners;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board hereby establishes the location of the Thursday, August 29, 2024 meeting of the Geauga County Board of Commissioners be held at the Great Geauga County Fair, located at 14373 North Cheshire Street, Burton, at the site of the Junior Fair Four-H stage and will begin at 10:00 a.m.

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

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

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – MOVE THE REGULAR SESSION FROM TUESDAY TO THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2024 AT 9:30 DUE TO PERRY NUCLEAR POWER PLANT DRILL

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to move the regular scheduled session on Tuesday, September 24, 2024 to Thursday, September 26, 2024 at 9:30 a.m. due to the Evaluated Perry Nuclear Power Plant Drill.

<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 recessed at 11:25 a.m.

Local resident Diane Jones noted that since the Board did not adjourn she had a question about the accounting information she previously asked for on the Courthouse Expansion, to which Mr. Morgan handed her the sheet with the information she had requested. Gail Rousey with the League of Women Voters inquired about those attending the public session at the fair and if they are required to pay admission to attend. There was a brief discussion about it not being required and that it was supposed to be free until noon.

The Board traveled to the Geauga County Fairgrounds for a Work Session.

The Board reconvened at 11:52 a.m. and moved into a Work Session at 11:52 a.m.

**Commissioner Lennon did not attend the Work Session.*

WORK SESSION

The Board climbed aboard a wagon and was driven around the Fairgrounds. Fair Board Director Robert Phillips, President of the Fair Board Doug Logan and Interim Secretary Meg Noah joined the Board. Mr. Phillips stopped on the midway and wanted to talk about the plans for the area where Merchant Hall 2 stands, the building is currently not being used, and the plan is to tear it down. Using that space and in the main section of the midway area to put a new larger building and add parking on the other side on the midway. Mr. Phillips explained that they have received two allotments of funds to go towards the project. Mr. Logan mentioned that idea of raising the building up and going up the lower side of the hill. Mr. Spidalieri asked about the size, to which Mr. Phillips stated around 30-35,000 square feet, mentioning Mahoning County who just recently did their building, which was about \$2 Million and then added an additional 8500 square feet for offices and it cost an additional \$1 Million. Mahoning is a different fair, and they run events year-round. Mr. Spidalieri supports the building; however, parking is a concern. Mr. Spidalieri explained that they do an event in Parma every year in about 10,000 square feet for about 1,000 people and parking volume is a huge issue and suggests that they really look at parking. Mr. Phillips noted that the area is fully packed during

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the fair and they have to look at what would happen during that building during the fair and then space for those that cannot fit in the building. Mr. Phillips noted that the dairy barn has a new roof, the building needs some work, but the coup alas on the roof are now wire controlled to open and close. The junior fair dairy barn entrance was paved and just recently paved to fill in the gaps along with the isle ways. Mr. Phillips noted that the Board hasn't been here in a while some things are a few years old. Next stop was by the main grandstand, and talked about the ticket booth being turned so it wasn't facing the sun, they paved the grass area by the grandstand from the ticket booth to all the way in front of the grandstand. The handicap ramp put in about five years ago will be much easier to use with the new paving. Mr. Phillips noted that they are going with roll gates and removing the swing gates to make it safer and easier to operate. There was discussion about none of the buildings being named, and Mr. Harris did not like that, and didn't want his name on anything. There was discussion about a memorial area and the hall of fame area, and they don't want to make it a memorial fairground. Mr. Philips talked about siding the grandstand and the newer sign being lighted. They did reside Merchant Hall 1.

Next stop was Gate 1 that had been recently redone. Once stopped Mr. Phillips explained this this a free gift that really isn't free, this is the arch from over the entrance to Wicked Woods, but all that is left is the stands and curly ques, the words held the arch together, so they had someone come in and put the words in the arch, adding the balloons, and came out really nice. About eight years ago they put up a building with air and a safe to allow for smaller trips to the main office. They have a kiosk to bypass buying tickets to get through the entrance that has helped people move through the gates faster. Ms. Noah stated that they are excited to have a mobility scooter vendor for the first time. Mr. Phillips added that they also have wheelchairs that can be used. Mr. Phillips added that they would like to get some kind of a kiosk / trailer over at gate 9 to ease congestion over there as well. As we wagoned across the fair, Mr. Phillips would point out things about the fair that have been updated over the years or plans and ideas they have for future projects down the road.

Mr. Phillips that they added a drain in on the small pond so the can drain it if they need to. Mr. Spidalieri inquired about who handles the clean up of the area around the ODNR area, to which Mr. Phillips noted that they pretty much do their own, they help with the pond. Mr. Phillips talked about the campground area and having to look at some changes due to larger campers now. Mr. Spidalieri asked how many acres total the fairgrounds was, to which it was noted 151 acres. Mr. Dvorak asked about when the fish get delivered to the pond, which Ms. Noah said sometime in the next week or so. The wagon stopped and Mr. Phillips noted that the Brown Derby Steer is still here, just got repainted. Mr. Phillips mentioned that they want to build a new poultry barn that will incorporate a pavilion into it, that will be a small show arena and the ability to do small animal sale. The poultry barn used to be a draft horse barn, so it has seen its better days, it has a tin roof with nails. The program has grown so much, the turkeys will be in the tent down here, and the chickens and ducks will stay in the current poultry barn. Mr. Logan stated that they will eventually tear down the poultry barn down and move the junior fair office there with an arena in the back and give the milkshake booth room to expand into the area where the junior fair office is now. Mr. Logan stated that there are 420 lots in the small animal sale on Friday and 320 in the large animal sale on Saturday. Mr. Phillips stated that they borrowed pens from Ashtabula last year, bought some and we still must borrow some. Ashtabula is borrowing some from us to and works out well.

The wagon stopped by the heritage building, and Mr. Phillips talked about the heritage building getting redone and matching the antique building. Mr. Phillips explained that they had some room on the end of the bathrooms, and they have created 3 new family bathrooms that are wheelchair accessible, including a shower but can very easily cleaned. Mr. Phillips noted that several roofs in the area have been redone, starting to do more metal roofs, and the arena really needs to be done. There was a brief discussion about the CDBG program. Mr. Phillips talked about the cost of three bathrooms, using apple pie auction funds and donations. They used to have year-round flowers, and instead have moved to flowerpots and have Burton Floral come in and do them so they look good during the fair. Mr. Dvorak inquired about being full this year, to which Ms. Noah noted that they are completely full, campground, vendors, everything. Mr. Phillips noted that they have updated their storage fees, but they are full for winter storage, which is a big money maker for them, that is fairly easy.

The wagon stopped back up by the office and the domestic arts buildings, which paint doesn't last long as they are on the historical registry, and they are very limited on what they can do with the buildings. Mr. Phillips and Mr. Logan talked about the changes they made with

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removing trees and shrubs to make it look nicer and a lot cleaner. They redid the pump in the fountain that has an automatic shutoff. They briefly talked about the age of the buildings and being tied to the railway. Mr. Philips jokingly told the Board if they had any extra funds laying around they could use them, noting that the poultry barn could be around a quarter of a million.

Ms. Noah gave the Board a list of 2024 Tour Renovations that would be discussed that included:

Major Renovations

New family restroom

Heritage Village – 2022

Electric

New light pole in infield

New LED lights up at Gate 1, Infield, Gate 9, Merchants 1 and Main Midways

New poles and wiring on Directors row

Landscaping

Brush clearing

Clean up broken barriers in infield

Trimmed trees

Roof / Siding

New roof on 4-H Dairy barn and Antique building – last fall

New roof on Beef barn and Open Dairy

New siding on Merchant 1 – west side

New green aluminum window wraps on main office

New siding on grandstand

New soffit and fascia on rabbit barn

Paving / Concrete

Main Grandstand

New family restroom

4-H dairy barn indoor pathways

New sidewalk outside domestic arts 1 restroom

Ramp in small grandstand

Rebuilt well pump building – south end of main grandstand

New composite flooring in small grandstand

Patch work – store in domestic arts A1

Painting

Painted inside small grandstand

Painted Jr. Fair Domestic Arts 1

Fences

In front of main grandstand

Gate 1- to merchant 1 around racetrack

Vinyl fence at Domestic Arts restrooms

Rebuilt gates at main entrance to fairground – gate 4

Signage

New LED sign on Main Grandstand

Move restroom sign outside new family restroom

Plumbing

New water wheel in memorial park area

New drains between north parking lot and racetrack pond to manhole

New overflow in pond

New valve in pond

Doors Replacement

Lounge

School building

Merchant 1

Fiber Installation

Main fair office to Arena

Gate 1 to Main Grandstand

Extended Fiber to Jr Fair office and Gate 6

Extended fiber from Gate 1 to Gate 9

Installed routers for Wi-Fi

Misc

Repaired racetrack

New apple boxes

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New soap dispensers
New cabinet in main office
Tore down maintenance office
Built 12 picnic tables and 12 benches – 4 ADA tables
Archway and new sign (only at fair time) Gate 1

The Board returned from the Work Session at 12:48 p.m.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

- a) *A weekly report filed by the County Dog Warden of all dogs seized, impounded, redeemed or destroyed for the weeks ending July 17, 2024 and July 24, 2024 as required by O.R.C. 955.12.*

OTHER

The Board reviewed upcoming events.

MEETINGS

- Tue., 8/6 The Commissioners will hold session at 9:30 a.m. and will travel to the Fairgrounds for a Work Session at 11:30 a.m. with the Fair Board at the Fairgrounds*
- Wed., 8/7 Board of Revision, 9:00 a.m. Auditor's Appraisal Conference Room*
- Tue., 8/13 Planning Commission, 7:30 a.m., 12611 Ravenwood Drive, Room A334, Chardon*
- Tue., 8/13 The Commissioners will hold session at 9:30 a.m. that will include a Public Viewing at 2:00 p.m. for the Proposed Vacation of Public Right of Way upon a portion of Tulip Lane (TR-0307) in Bainbridge Township*
- Mon., 8/19 Family First Council, 1:30 p.m. – 12611 Ravenwood Drive, Room B167-168, Chardon*
- Tue., 8/20 The Commissioners will hold session at 9:30 a.m. that will include a Public Hearing at 9:45 a.m. on the proposed Vacation of Public Right of Way upon a portion of Tulip Lane (TR-0307) Bainbridge Township*

BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD

Motion: *by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to adjourn the meeting at 12:49 p.m.*

Geauga County Board of Commissioners

Ralph Spidalieri

James W. Dvorak

Timothy C. Lennon

Christine Blair, Commissioners' Clerk

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