

Commissioners' Journal
January 7, 2025

The Geauga County Board of Commissioners met in session on January 7, 2025 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 9:35 a.m. by leading the Board and audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Dvorak read the following prayer:

The First Prayer of the Year

Dear Father God, Creator and the owner of my life.

Lord, I have simple request to you today:

Please protect my family and provide all our needs.

Please help me to appreciate everything I have Lord, as I start this New Year 2025. I want to thank you for everything. Despite of my struggles in life, I'm still grateful because you're so good to me and to my family.

This I pray in the precious name of Jesus,

Amen.

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE - COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

County Administrator Gerard Morgan reported his December 30, 2024 approval for the Department on Aging to hire Constance Eyman to the position of Part-time Adult Day Service Assistant (#1041-1) to be effective January 21, 2025 at the rate of \$19.23 per hour with a one-year probationary period. This offer of employment is contingent upon the successful completion of the required pre-employment conditions, 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 Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute the minutes for the meeting of December 3, 2024.

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

Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute the minutes for the meeting of December 10, 2024.

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

FINANCIALS

Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Brakey to approve the encumbrances to be considered by the Board of Commissioners to be effective January 1, 2025.

<i>Roll Call Vote:</i>	<i>Commissioner Brakey</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 an Appropriations transfer from Mental Health to move funds to purchase a generator and provide appropriations to a new Community Outreach account, Supplemental Appropriations from the Auditor in their REAF fund to provide additional funding to move REALink to the cloud and additional staff for CAMA/BOR per the State and in the General Fund to cover an increase in the audit costs for the

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2024 State Audit; Contracts, blankets and purchase orders from various departments for the new year including Travel Requests for the Clerk of Courts and Job and Family Services, and a Revenue Certification from Mental Health in their Capital Reserve fund to recognize additional 2025 revenue that was not previously budgeted.

Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Brakey to approve and execute Resolution #25-001 itemizing the financials for the meeting of January 7, 2025.

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

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE (IRS) GAS MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT RATE FOR 2025

Clerk Christine Blair explained that we set the mileage reimbursement rate based on IRS rate, and it does see a small increase to 70 cents per mile.

Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to establish the gas mileage reimbursement at the current Internal Revenue Service (IRS) rate of \$0.70, to be effective January 1, 2025 for the departments under the direction of the Geauga County Board of Commissioners.

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

DISCUSSION – PROBATE / JUVENILE COURT REQUEST

Commissioner Brakey asked to have a discussion regarding the request that was made from the Probate / Juvenile Court Judge for a supplemental of \$300,000.00 and for additional outside counsel. Ms. Brakey stated that the section of the Ohio Revised Code 2744.07 (A)(1) that was cited in the request refers to any civil action or proceeding which contains an allegation for damages, and this is not a civil action, this is a disciplinary proceeding and there is no allegation for damages, as Judge Grendell's legal law license or his ability to continue as a Judge, this is inconsistent with the request. Mr. Spidalieri noted that this request was reviewed by outside legal counsel. Mr. Morgan explained that the response is that the Board has the authority to provide the funds but no requirement to provide the funds, and the request for outside counsel is actually to seek a joint application for outside counsel. Ms. Brakey stated that because the request came after the fees have already been incurred, the Board had no ability to decide the choice of or rate for the attorney hired. Mr. Spidalieri stated that the Supreme Court appoints counsel to this matter and the Commissioners do not have negotiating rights. It is the Supreme Court making the appointment. Mr. Morgan agreed that the Supreme Court appointed this outside counsel for him to this case, adding that we have never received anything from the Court and what may have been signed off on prior to that decision being made. Mr. Morgan stated that Ms. Brakey is correct that this discussion should have taken place two years ago when the counsel was getting to the point that the Supreme Court funds were running out and who would then be responsible for the rest of the costs. Mr. Spidalieri added that Judge Grendell stated that the bills were not coming to the Commissioners and were surprised by the bills showing up at the Courts office at a later date and that was a miscommunication, along with the cost of the bills, that the \$300,000.00 was extreme and Judge Grendell wanted to assist in reducing the amount. Mr. Spidalieri added that one way or another, we will need to reach a settlement, whether we pay now or pay after a suit is filed against us. The attorneys were appointed by the Supreme Court and they want to be paid. Mr. Spidalieri stated that the Supreme Court ordered it, and they are billing for it, and how we pay for it is yet to be figured out. Ms. Brakey added that at best, it is the Commissioners' discretion whether to pay for it and feels it sets a dangerous precedent for taxpayers to be subsidizing an elected official's wrongdoing. If we are forced to do it by the court, that is one thing, but voluntarily paying the legal fees at this time sets a dangerous precedent. Mr. Spidalieri stated that Mr. Grendell is an employe of the county that was put into this predicament and that he is entitled to legal representation, and he (Mr. Spidalieri) is not legal counsel on this and not an attorney and won't comment on how this is going to go and one way or another, but this will show its head again. Ms. Brakey stated that it is a gray area that Judge Grendell is an employee of the county, as he is partially paid by the state and partially paid by the county. Does this statue say what he

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it does, it does not, and a first-year law student could figure that out. Mr. Dvorak added that if we are made to pay for a portion of it through the court, he will wait for that day.

Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Brakey to deny the approval of the \$300,000.00 Supplemental and deny the approval of the request for a Joint Application for Outside Counsel.

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

COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ENGINEER TO UNDERTAKE PROJECTS USING FORCE ACCOUNT IN CERTAIN CASES FOR YEAR 2025

Deputy Engineer Shane Hajjar asked the Board to approve the resolution authorizing the County Engineer to Undertake projects using Force Account for Year 2025.

Ms. Brakey noted an error in the resolution, to which that was crossed out and initialed by the Board and the corrected version will be included below.

Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Brakey to approve and execute Resolution #25-002 Authorizing the County Engineer to Undertake Projects Using Force Account in Certain Cases for Year 2025.

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Date: January 7, 2025

Resolution: #25-002

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ENGINEER TO UNDERTAKE PROJECTS USING FORCE ACCOUNT IN CERTAIN CASES FOR YEAR 2025

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Geauga County desires to allow the Geauga County Engineer to improve, repair and maintain county highways and improve, repair and reconstruct county bridge projects in the most efficient and cost-effective manner; and,

WHEREAS, the County Engineer may, when authorized by the Board of County Commissioners and not required by law to use competitive bidding, employ such laborers and vehicles, use such county employees and property, lease such implements and tools, and purchase such materials as are necessary in the construction, reconstruction, improvement, maintenance, or repair of roads by force account; and,

WHEREAS, the County Engineer may, when authorized by the Board of County Commissioners and not required by law to use competitive bidding, employ such laborers and vehicles, use such county employees and property, lease such implements and tools, and purchase such materials as are necessary in the construction, reconstruction, improvement, maintenance, or repair of bridges and culverts by force account; and,

WHEREAS, on the first day of July of every odd-numbered year beginning in 2021, the threshold amounts established shall increase by an amount not to exceed the lesser of three percent, or the percentage amount of any increase in the department of transportation's construction cost index as annualized and totaled for the prior two calendar years. The director of transportation has notified the County Engineer that from July 1, 2024, to June 30, 2025, the following limits are applicable: The amount not to exceed for the estimated cost of construction or reconstruction, including widening and resurfacing, of roads exceeds seventy-three thousand five hundred dollars (\$73,500) per mile. The amount not to exceed for the estimated cost of construction, reconstruction, improvement, maintenance, or repair of bridges or culvert work is two hundred forty four thousand six hundred fifty dollars (\$244,650).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of Geauga County does hereby authorize the Geauga County Engineer to proceed with the construction or reconstruction, including widening and resurfacing, of roads by force account. In determining whether he may undertake road construction work by force account, when not required by section 5543.19 or other law to use competitive bidding, the Geauga County Engineer shall first cause to

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be made an estimate of the cost of such work using the force account project assessment form developed by the auditor of state under section 117.16 of the Revised Code. When the total estimated cost of the work exceeds seventy-three thousand five hundred dollars (\$73,500) dollars per mile, the county commissioners shall invite and receive competitive bids for furnishing all the labor, materials, and equipment necessary to complete the work in accordance with sections 307.86 to 307.92 of the Revised Code.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of Geauga County does hereby authorize the Geauga County Engineer to proceed with the construction, reconstruction, improvement, maintenance, or repair of bridges or culverts by force account. In determining whether he may undertake bridge and/or culvert work by force account when not required by section 5543.19 or other law to use competitive bidding, the Geauga County Engineer shall first cause to be made an estimate of the cost of such work using the force account project assessment form. When the total estimated cost of the work exceeds two hundred forty-four thousand six hundred fifty dollars (\$244,650), the Board of County Commissioners shall invite and receive competitive bids for furnishing all the labor, materials, and equipment necessary to complete the work, in accordance with sections 307.86 to 307.92 of the Revised Code. The County Engineer shall obtain the approval required by section 5543.02 of the Revised Code.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners of Geauga County is hereby instructed to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the Geauga County Engineer.

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

COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE – AWARD BID – RONYAK PAVING, INCORPORATED – ASPHALT RESURFACING OF AUBURN ROAD (CH-0004, SECTIONS R-U) CHARDON TOWNSHIP

Mr. Hajjar asked the Board to award the Bid to Ronyak Paving for the asphalt resurfacing of Auburn Road in Chardon Township.

Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Brakey to award the Bid to Ronyak Paving, Incorporated for the Asphalt Resurfacing of Auburn Road (CH-0004, Sections R-U) in Chardon Township in the amount of \$1,138,813.00 as they represented the lowest and best bid. The Bid Bond submitted shall be held as the Performance Bond for this project.

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

COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – APPROVE RE-APPOINTMENT OF DANIEL PLANT – FAIR HOUSING COMMITTEE

Project Coordinator Elaine Malkamaki asked the Board to approve the re-appointment of Daniel Plant to the Fair Housing Committee. Ms. Brakey asked if this position was advertised at all, to which Ms. Malkamaki stated no, and the Board has been in place and not advertised. Ms. Malkamaki stated that the members have been in place the four years she has been here and not actively had to search for a board member. Ms. Brakey asked if there was requirement of living in Geauga County, to which Ms. Malkamaki stated no, there was not.

Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve the re-appointment of Daniel Plant to serve on the Fair Housing Committee for a two-year term, ending December 31, 2026.

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

MAINTENANCE – AWARD BID – NORTH BAY CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, INCORPORATED – ANNEX GENERATOR UPGRADE

Contract Coordinator Matt Sieracki asked the Board to award the bid to North Bay Construction Company for the Annex Generator Upgrade.

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Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Brakey to award the Bid to North Bay Construction Company, Incorporated for the Geauga County Annex Generator Upgrade in the amount of \$146,500.00 as they represented the lowest and best bid.

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

MAINTENANCE – APPROVE AND GRANT A WAIVER OF POLICY – PROHIBITING PAYMENT OF LATE FEES AND FINANCE CHARGES – ALLOW PAYMENT TO EAST OHIO GAS COMPANY / ENBRIDGE – ILLUMINATING COMPANY

Director Glen Vernick explained that they work closely with the Auditor's Office and Mr. Gorton on getting utility bills in late and try to get them paid. Ms. Brakey asked if there was a way to avoid this in the future, asking if a credit card could be used, and suggested changing the payment terms. Mr. Vernick expressed that he has been asking for suggestions on that and asked if the bills do come in that they are able to pay the late charge and they had one last year and it was \$5.00.

Motion: by Commissioner Brakey, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and grant a waiver of the policy prohibiting the payment of late fees and finance charges and allow payment to the East Ohio Gas Company/Enbridge and the Illuminating Company for invoices received after the final financial session in 2024 and due prior to the first financials in January 2025, in an amount not to exceed \$1,000.00.

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

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – RESCIND MOTION FROM DECEMBER 27, 2024 – AMOUNTS PROVIDED WERE INCORRECT ON THE LIST OF DELINQUENT SEWER USER FEES, WATER FEES, TAP-IN INSTALLMENTS

Director Nicholas Gorris introduced Fiscal and Personnel Specialist Kathleen Miller, explaining that if he is not here, she will be presenting items to the Board. Ms. Miller asked the Board to rescind the motion from last week that approved the list of delinquent fees as there was a mathematical error and the amount was incorrect.

Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Brakey to rescind the motion from December 27, 2024 as the amounts provided were incorrect, that read: approve the submission of the list of delinquent sewer user fees, water fees, tap-in installments and subsequent certification to the Geauga County Auditor, in accordance with O.R.C. 6117.02 and the Geauga County Department of Water Resources Rules and Regulations (Section F.501) in the total amount of \$599,447.73 (\$564,645.25 Arrearage and \$34,802.48 Penalty).

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

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – APPROVE SUBMISSION OF LIST OF DELINQUENT SEWER USER FEES, WATER FEES, TAP-IN INSTALLMENTS – CERTIFY TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR

Ms. Miller asked the Board to approve the corrected list of delinquent fees.

Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Brakey to approve the submission of the list of delinquent sewer user fees, water fees, tap-in installments and subsequent certification to the Geauga County Auditor, in accordance with O.R.C. 6117.02 and the Geauga County Department of Water Resources Rules and Regulations (Section F.501) in the total amount of \$564,645.25 (\$529,842.77 Arrearage and \$34,802.48 Penalty).

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

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – CHANGE ORDER #3 – DECREASE CONTRACT – AGRI-SLUDGE, INCORPORATED – AQUILLA WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Mr. Gorris asked the Board to approve and execute Change Order #3 which is a decrease in the contract with Agri-Sludge, as we had to suspend work due to weather. Mr. Dvorak asked if this had been increased, to which Mr. Gorris explained that it had but we are reducing it as work is progressing and for items no longer needed.

Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Brakey to approve and execute Change Order #3 decreasing the Contract with Agri-Sludge, Incorporated for the Aquilla Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvement Project in the amount of \$132,872.00.

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

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – AUTHORIZE JAMES W. DVORAK – CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO EXECUTE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION DISBURSEMENT REQUEST FORM AND CERTIFICATION #4 – FINAL – AQUILLA WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Mr. Gorris asked Mr. Dvorak to execute as the CEO for the OPWC disbursement request #4 and final of the loan portion of the grant and we will not be going after the small balance as there was additional ARPA funds awarded, and want to get the OPWC portion buttoned up and off the books.

Motion: by Commissioner Brakey, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and authorize James W. Dvorak, board member and Chief Executive Officer to execute the Ohio Public Works Commission Disbursement Request Form and Certification #4 and Final, in order to release funds from the state portion of our OPWC grant for the Aquilla Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvement Project in the amount of \$140,226.53.

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

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – SERVICE CONTRACT AGREEMENT – A.J. GOULDER ELECTRIC, INCORPORATED

Ms. Miller asked the Board to approve a service contract with A.J. Goulder Electric for electrical repairs as needed.

Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Brakey to approve and execute the service Contract Agreement with A.J. Goulder Electric, Incorporated to perform electrical repairs and services as needed at Wastewater and Water District locations within the department for a one-year period, effective January 7, 2025 in an amount not to exceed \$15,000.00 (\$9,000.00 Wastewater, \$6,000.00 Water).

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

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – SERVICE CONTRACT AGREEMENT – C.U.E. EXCAVATING CONTRACTORS, LLC

Ms. Miller asked the Board to approve a service contract with C.U.E. Excavating Contractors for general excavating services as needed.

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Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Brakey to approve and execute the service Contract Agreement with C.U.E. Excavating Contractors, LLC to perform General Excavating Services as needed at Wastewater and Water District locations within the department for a one-year period, effective January 7, 2025 in an amount not to exceed \$30,000.00 (\$15,000.00 Wastewater, \$15,000.00 Water).

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

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – SERVICE CONTRACT AGREEMENT – HANNON ELECTRIC COMPANY

Ms. Miller asked the Board to approve a service contract with Hannon Electric Company to perform onsite programming services for the McFarland Wastewater Treatment plant. Ms. Brakey asked if this for an automation system SCADA programming and if the contract is a retainer model. Mr. Gorris explained that they can do the onsite programming and on call services. They come in to do backups and yes, it's a flat rate, so we do our best to eat up as much as we can.

Motion: by Commissioner Brakey, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute the service Contract Agreement with Hannon Electric Company to perform 25 Days of Onsite PLC/HMI/SCADA programming services for the McFarland Wastewater Treatment Plant for a one-year period, effective January 7, 2025 in an amount not to exceed \$32,000.00 (Quarterly \$8,000.00).

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

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – RESOLUTION HONORING COMMISSIONER, TIMOTHY C. LENNON FOR HIS DEDICATION AND COMMITMENT TO THE RESIDENTS OF GEAUGA COUNTY

Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Brakey to approve and execute Resolution #25-003 Honoring Commissioner, Timothy C. Lennon for his dedication and commitment to the residents of Geauga County.

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Resolution: #25-003

Date: January 7, 2025

RESOLUTION HONORING COMMISSIONER, TIMOTHY C. LENNON FOR HIS DEDICATION AND COMMITMENT TO THE RESIDENTS OF GEAUGA COUNTY

WHEREAS, Timothy C. Lennon is a lifelong resident of Geauga County, growing up in Novelty, attending Gilmour Academy and graduating from West Geauga High School. He attended Muskingum College with a major in Political Science. After college he returned home to work for his father at Abbot Valve and Fittings; and

WHEREAS, Timothy C. Lennon, while working for his father, discovered a love for heavy equipment and being the people person he is, and great at sales, went on to work at United Rentals, then for Gibson Stewart before starting his own company, Lennon Machinery; and

WHEREAS, Timothy C. Lennon has a heart of gold, would give anyone the shirt off his back and if he didn't have one, he would find one for you, he enjoys sports, has a love for animals, is protective, loyal and loves spending time with his family, his wife Abbey and children Jimmy and Katelyn. Timothy C. Lennon spends hours with his family, between running Jimmy to hockey, now playing in Pittsburgh or driving Katelyn to compete in a horse show, he does it to make them smile; and

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WHEREAS, Timothy C. Lennon was elected to serve as Geauga County Commissioner, where he served in that role beginning January 2, 2017 and completed his second term in office as of January 1, 2025; and

WHEREAS, Timothy C. Lennon along with his fellow Commissioners have accomplished many things over the years to benefit the residents of Geauga County; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Geauga County Board of Commissioners wishes to honor and thank Timothy C. Lennon for his dedication and commitment to the residents of Geauga County while serving as a Geauga County Commissioner.

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 Brakey	Aye
	Commissioner Dvorak	Aye
	Commissioner Spidalieri	Aye

The Board moved into the Organizational meeting
2025 Organization Meeting – January 7, 2025

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Brakey to appoint James W. Dvorak as President of the Geauga County Board of Commissioners for 2025.

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

Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to appoint Carolyn Brakey as Vice President of the Geauga County Board of Commissioners for 2025.

Roll Call Vote:	Commissioner Brakey	Abstain
	Commissioner Dvorak	Aye
	Commissioner Spidalieri	Aye

Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Brakey to adopt the Geauga County Commissioners' meeting schedule for 2025:

GEAUGA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING SCHEDULE INFORMATION FOR 2025:

1. Sessions / Meetings will be held at the Geauga County Commissioners' offices located at 12611 Ravenwood Drive, Room B303, Chardon, (whether regular, special or emergency) or any alternate location as necessary, with legally-required notice of changed location provided, or if permitted by law to be held virtual, with access information provided:
2. Regular Sessions / Meetings held every Tuesday at 9:30 a.m.
3. Adjustments made to add a Thursday regular session / meeting at 9:30 a.m. due to Holidays, or to schedule any additional regular meetings as needed to meet the required number of meetings for the year
4. Requests for reasonable advance notification of all Commissioners meetings at which any specific type of public business is to be discussed may be requested of the Commissioners' Clerk, provisions for advance notification may include, but are not limited to, emailing the agenda of meetings to all subscribers on a distribution list or by self-addressed stamped envelope provided by the person requesting the information.
5. The Board may have additional meetings, as required, at the time and place designated.
6. Any meeting called by Geauga County officeholders, department heads, County Administrator or the county's legal counsel.
7. Any meetings of the Geauga County Township Association.
8. Any meetings of the County Commissioners' Association of Ohio (CCAO).
9. Any regular or special meetings of the following Boards or Councils at which a quorum of the Board of Commissioners is or may be present:
 - a. Any township Board of Trustees meeting & City and Village Council

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- b. *Geauga County Board of Health*
- c. *Geauga County Health Advisory Council*
- d. *Geauga-Trumbull Solid Waste Management District*
- e. *Geauga Soil and Water Conservation District meetings*
- f. *Planning Commission*
- g. *Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency (NOACA)*
- h. *Northeast Ohio Consortium Council of Governments (NOC COG)*
- i. *Community Improvement Corporation (CIC) meetings*
- j. *Investment Advisory Committee*
- k. *Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) District 7 Integrating Committee (Issue I)*
- l. *Geauga County Agricultural Society (Fair Board meetings)*
- m. *Meetings to honor any invitations received by the Geauga County Commissioners to attend ground breakings, openings, celebrations, memorial services and/or parades*
- n. *Meetings with any organization or other political entities to discuss items of mutual concern*

The time, place and purpose of all special meetings in addition to regularly scheduled meetings, will be given at least twenty-four hours in advance of such meeting to the news media that have requested notification except in the event of an emergency requiring immediate official action. In the event of an emergency, the Board member or Board members calling the meeting shall notify the news media that have requested notification immediately of the time, place and purpose of the meeting.

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

Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Brakey to approve the appointments of members of the Board of County Commissioners to boards and committees for 2025 as follows:

Board President – James W. Dvorak
Board Vice President – Carolyn Brakey

** Board President required being the Primary*

		<u>Primary</u>	<u>Alternate</u>
1.	<i>ADP Board</i>	<i>Brakey</i>	<i>Dvorak</i>
2.	<i>Board of Revision</i>	<i>Dvorak</i>	<i>Brakey</i>
3.	<i>Community Corrections</i>	<i>Spidalieri</i>	<i>Dvorak</i>
4.	<i>Courthouse Security Advisory Committee*</i>	<i>President</i>	<i>Spidalieri</i>
5.	<i>Family First</i>	<i>Brakey</i>	<i>Dvorak</i>
6.	<i>Financial Review and Report Committee (FRRC)*</i>	<i>President</i>	<i>Brakey</i>
7.	<i>Geauga County Agricultural Society</i>	<i>All three Commissioners</i>	
8.	<i>Geauga-Trumbull Solid Waste - Policy *</i>	<i>President</i>	<i>Spidalieri</i>
	<i>Geauga-Trumbull SW- Board of Directors</i>	<i>All three Commissioners</i>	
9.	<i>Health District Advisory Board*</i>	<i>Dvorak</i>	<i>Brakey</i>
10.	<i>Investment Advisory Committee (2 commissioners)</i>	<i>Spidalieri</i>	<i>Brakey</i>
11.	<i>NOACA (Three Commissioner</i>	<i>Spidalieri</i>	<i>Walter Claypool</i>
	<i>And / or County Engineer</i>	<i>Brakey</i>	<i>Shane Hajjar</i>
		<i>Dvorak</i>	<i>Andy Haupt</i>
12.	<i>NOC COG (Formerly GAPP)</i>	<i>Dvorak</i>	<i>Brakey</i>
13.	<i>Planning Commission Board</i>	<i>All three Commissioners</i>	
14.	<i>Revolving Loan and Local Revolving Loan**</i>	<i>Dvorak</i>	<i>Spidalieri</i>

*(**Two-year Appointments) – expires 12/31/2025*

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

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Motion: by Commissioner Brakey, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve the appointments to the ADP Board with Carolyn Brakey as Primary and Alternates of James W. Dvorak, Ralph Spidalieri, and Linda Burhenne to be in effect for the year 2025.

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

Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Brakey to approve the appointments to the Board of Revision, with James W. Dvorak as Primary and Alternates of Carolyn Brakey, Ralph Spidalieri and Linda Burhenne to be in effect for the year 2025.

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

Motion: by Commissioner Brakey, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to appoint Nicholas Gorris to the NOACA, Water Quality Committee, with Alternate Carmella Shale for the Year 2025, and Nicholas Gorris to the NOACA Air Quality and BPAC Committee with Alternate James W. Dvorak for the Year 2025.

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

STAFF APPOINTMENTS

Motion: by Commissioner Brakey, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to appoint Gerard Morgan, County Administrator.

<i>Roll Call Vote:</i>	<i>Commissioner Brakey</i>	<i>No</i>
	<i>Commissioner Dvorak</i>	<i>No</i>
	<i>Commissioner Spidalieri</i>	<i>Aye</i>

Mr. Spidalieri added that Mr. Morgan served this county for many years as County Administrator and as Director of Water Resources, engaged in so many projects and feel this is unfortunate, and two-to-one, I lose in every vote, Mr. Morgan, I apologize, you have absorbed a tremendous amount of pressure that has been placed on you, unfairly, and you will move on and look back and be content of this today, as my heart aches for you and your family. You have been a huge asset to this county. You were so involved in us being able to sit here in this building today. I appreciate everything you have done, including with water quality and your knowledge of picking up the phone and having a resource of so many things. I'm sorry for you and for me and the county. Thank you for everything you have done. Mr. Morgan expressed that he is saying thank you, as you have taken a huge load off my back.

Motion: by Commissioner Brakey, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to appoint Linda Burhenne, Assistant County Administrator and Acting County Administrator.

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

Motion: by Commissioner Brakey, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to appoint Christine Blair as the Clerk to Commissioners' (#1306).

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

Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Brakey to approve the following staff appointments:

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Position

Director, Department on Aging
Director, Community and Economic Development
Chief Building Enforcement Official
Director, Department of Emergency Services
Director, Job and Family Services (124.11 (A) 22)
Director, Maintenance
Director, Water Resources
Sanitary Engineer, Water Resources
Dog Warden

Appointment

Jessica Boalt
Gina Hofstetter
Dan Spada
Roger Peterson
Craig Swenson
Glen Vernick
Nicholas Gorris
Nicholas Gorris
Matt Granito

and acknowledge those staff appointments as placed in the unclassified service pursuant to O.R.C. 124.11 (A) (3) (b) and who are provided an Unclassified Service Explanation and Acknowledgement Form.

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

ACTING CLERK - 2025

Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Brakey to appoint Deborah Ashburn to act as Acting Commissioners' Clerk in the event that the Commissioners' Clerk is unable or unavailable to perform those duties at any time during the Year 2025, and further appoint the County Administrator, pursuant to O.R.C. 305.30, to act as Acting Commissioners' Clerk in the event that Deborah Ashburn is unable or unavailable to perform those duties at any time during the Year 2025.

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

DELEGATED POWERS TO COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Brakey to approve and execute Resolution #25-004 Authorizing the County Administrator to Exercise Powers Delegated hereby under the O.R.C. 305.30.

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Resolution: #25-004

Date: January 7, 2025

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO EXERCISE POWERS
DELEGATED HEREBY UNDER THE O.R.C. 305.30**

WHEREAS, Ohio Revised Code 305.30 provides that the Board may delegate certain of its powers to be exercised by the County Administrator; and

WHEREAS, the Geauga County Board of Commissioners desire to delegate certain powers to the County Administrator to be performed under their direction and supervision; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Geauga County Board of Commissioners do hereby authorize the County Administrator to execute on their behalf within limitation and guidelines set forth below:

1. Certification of Determination of Subsequent Exemption for a Categorical Exclusion Project
2. Certification of Categorical Exclusion Project not subject to 58.5
(but required to comply with 24 CFR 58.6)
3. Certification of Exempt Project
4. Ohio Development Service Agency Office of Community Development Request for Release of Funds (RROF) and Certification for Federally funded State projects – CDBG Program Income
5. Office of Housing and Community Partnerships RLF Grant / Loan Review Report form
6. Housing Semi-Annual Program Income Report
7. ED RLF Semi-Annual Report

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8. *Office of Housing and Community Partnerships, Ohio Small Cities CDBG Program Job Certification Summary*
9. *Ohio Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program Status Report*
10. *Notice to Public of Finding of No Significant Impact on Environment (FONSI) and Notice of Intent to Request Release of Funds (NOI/RROF) Combined Notice – CDBG Program Income / RLF Loan*
11. *Notice to Proceed / Notice of Commencement*
12. *Satisfaction of Mortgage*
13. *Approve the Hiring, Promotion, Reclassification and to Rescind those actions (if necessary) of Personnel under the Commissioners Hiring Authority, excluding the Commissioners' Office*
14. *Approve Unpaid Leave of Absence requests for Employees (medical and personal) under the Commissioners Hiring Authority and the ability to Rescind those actions, excluding the Commissioners' Office*
15. *Accept Personnel Resignations, excluding the Commissioners' Office*
16. *Permission to approve revised job descriptions (established positions), excluding Commissioners' Office*
17. *Permission to advertise to fill employment positions under the Board's hiring authority, following the acceptance of a resignation, hiring, promotion or reclassification, excluding the Commissioners' Office*
18. *Increase current position postings and close if necessary.*
19. *Acknowledge new hire appointments by the Department of Job and Family Services*
20. *Concur with the Townships on Liquor License – Request a Hearing to be held in County Seat or Not Request a Hearing*
21. *Approve placing individuals on Administrative Leave pending the outcome of the disciplinary process.*
22. *Acknowledge and Approve Requests for Release of Funds on Grants for the Airport Authority*
23. *Farm Market Agreements for the Department on Aging*
24. *Agreements for the use of County Parking Lots and County Property*
25. *Service Contract Agreements that are in the amount of \$20,000.00 per year or less, up to and including Multi-year Service Contracts that do not exceed the \$20,000.00 per year limit and with a maximum amount less than or equal to \$50,000.00.*
26. *Approve and issue any Addendum for Competitive Bid Solicitations, Statement of Qualifications or Requests for Proposals*
27. *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 2025.*

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

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

DRAINAGE ENGINEER

Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Brakey to approve and execute the Agreement for the County Engineer to Perform the Drainage Duties Set Forth in Chapter 6117 between the Geauga County Board of Commissioners and the Geauga County Engineer during the Year 2025.

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

Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Brakey to appoint Andy Haupt as Drainage Engineer and set the compensation for 2025 at a bi-weekly rate of \$497.85 effective with pay #2 through pay #25 and \$497.84 for pay #26 in accordance with the Agreement dated January 7, 2025.

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

PREVAILING WAGE COORDINATORS

Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Brakey to appoint Nicholas Gorris to serve as a Prevailing Wage Coordinator for Geauga County for 2025.

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

Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Brakey to appoint Shane Hajjar to serve as a Prevailing Wage Coordinator for Geauga County for 2025.

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

COUNTY CREDIT CARDS

Ms. Blair explained that the credit card policy has changed effective January 1, 2025 and so this year we are doing approvals a little different. The resolution approves the use of county credit cards and Exhibit A will include the agency, office or department, their cards, limits, and who is approved for use.

Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Brakey to approve and execute Resolution #25-005 Approving the Use of County Credit Cards for Year 2025 for Offices and Departments (per the attached, Exhibit A), pursuant to O.R.C. 301.27.

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Date: January 7, 2025
Resolution: #25-005

**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE USE OF COUNTY CREDIT CARDS
FOR THE YEAR 2025 FOR AGENCIES AND CARDHOLDERS
PURSUANT TO O.R.C. 301.27**

WHEREAS, the Geauga County Board of Commissioners, approves the following applications for the use of County Credit Cards submitted by Agencies for the Year 2025; and

WHEREAS, those Agencies included, are the Auditor's Office / ADP, Common Pleas Court - Drug Court and Probation Department, Probate/ Juvenile Court, Sheriff's Office, Commissioners' Office and the Commissioners' Office for: the Department on Aging, Community and Economic Development, Department of Emergency Services, Job and Family Services, Maintenance Department, and the Department of Water Resources; and

WHEREAS, the Board, pursuant to O.R.C.301.27, requires those Agencies at the beginning of each quarter to submit estimates of work-related expenses expected to be purchased using the credit card along with the specific appropriation line items from which those expenditures will be made; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Geauga County Board of Commissioners approves the Use of County Credit Cards, for Year 2025 by those Agencies that have submitted their credit card request applications along with card limits, daily spending per card, monthly spending per card, single transactions limits, daily number of transactions per card, monthly number of Transaction's per card and the designation of whether the credit card(s) will be issued in the Agency's name or in the name of a specified cardholder, as designated in Exhibit A, attached; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that those Agencies are further required to submit to the Auditor's Office and the Board of Commissioners' Office the forms set forth in the Credit Card Policy for each employee or officer authorized to use a credit card.

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

Exhibit A - Credit Cards Year 2025

The Credit Cards shall be issued in the name of the employees or officers listed below under the Agencies/Offices of the appointing authorities or if no employees or officers are designated, in the name of the Agency/office of the appointing authority listed:

AUDITOR / ADP

*Geauga Credit Union Visa – Issued to Auditors ADP
Card Limit - \$5,000.00
Daily Spending Limit - \$5,000.00
Monthly Spending Limit - \$5,000.00
Single Transaction Limit - \$5,000.00
Daily Transaction Limit – 10
Monthly Transaction Limit – 50*

*Charles E. Walder
Pam McMahan
Ron Leyde
Frank Antenucci
Tracey Rahimi
Kate Jacob*

COMMON PLEAS COURT – DRUG COURT

*Geauga Credit Union Visa
Maureen Maruna
Greg Potts*

COMMON PLEAS COURT – PROBATION DEPARTMENT

*Geauga Credit Union Visa
Nicole Walker
Danielle Bokar
Matthew Zupancic*

COMMON PLEAS COURT – PROBATE / JUVENILE COURT

*Geauga Credit Union Visa – Limit \$6,000.00
Monthly Spending Limit - \$6,000.00
Single Transaction Limit – none
Daily / Monthly Transaction Limit - none
Timothy Grendell
Kim Laurie*

SHERIFF'S OFFICE

*No limits on amount or transactions daily, weekly or monthly
First National Bank (21 cards) – credit limit \$15,000.00
Home Depot (3 cards)*

*Robert Altemus
Christopher Anderson
Heather Anderson
Nichole Ansell
David Baird
Matthew Baldwin
Eric Bartholomew
Thomas Berigan
Christina Bevington*

*Nathan Dhayer
Joshua East
Heather Eskridge
Justin Falcone
Rachel Felt
David Frank
Jennifer Fry
Nicholas Gaeta
Jesse Gandolf*

*Gary Kracker
Christina Lamtman
Brian Leonard
Thomas Lombardo
David Loomis
Jonathan Lopresti
Allison Malchow
Michele Malliski
Daniel Martin*

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Jonathon Bilicic
William Boehnlein
Gregory Borden
Sarah Boslett
Matthew Bosworth
Matthew Brickman
Ella Burge
Scott Capron
Carmen Centrickio
Isaiah Charlton
Julie Christian
Philip Cleveland
John Copen
Paul Cox
Melissa Cree
Bryan Dawson
Andrew Day
Steven Deardowski
Lindsey Demattia
James G Dhayer
Austin Quigley
Terrance Radcliffe
Robert Ramirez
Joseph Ray
Jeffrey Raymond
Michael Reid
Carolyn Rhodes
Kathy Rose
Thomas Rowan
Michael Santilli
Lisa Sayre
Michael Scarniench

Tracey Georskey
Gary Gribbons
William Haines
Heather Harchar
Jennifer Hanas
Sharon Harless
Jason Heller
James Hildebrand, Jr
Scott Hildebrand
Christopher Holt
Andrew Humar
Zachary Hupp
Daniel Itschner
Barbara Jeschelnic
Amanda Jonovich
James Jonovich
Tracy Jordan
James Kailburn
Rebecca Klein
Erin Knife
Donald Seamon
Brian Sebor
David Schaffer
Joshua Shimko
Russell Shultz
Cody Smith
Jacob Smith
Matthew Smith
Courtney Speck
Michael Swanker
Francisco Tapia
Robin Taylor

Andrew Maryash
Cassandra Matejka
Sandra McBride
Thomas McLaughlin
Casey Merrill
Melissa Metz
Joshua Mikolajski
Eric Miller
Christina O'Brien
Erica O'Neill
Eric Pavlick
David Peterson
Diane Peterson
Lewis Pettit
Brian Phan
Tammy Phillips
Paul Polverine
Vincent Polverine
Richard Potter
Randal Primer
Ryan Taylor
Christine Tosti
Robert Tropic
Christopher Tryon
Jaclyn Tryon
Scott Tyler
Donald Walker
Joshua Wendl
Michael Wilson
Grant Winney
Gretchen Wolfe
Erik Wright

Board of Commissioners for the Department on Aging

PNC Giant Eagle Visa (3 cards) – limit \$3,000.00 / month

Marc's (Marc Glassman) – in house account limit \$2,000.00

Centerra / Hartville Hardware (Gas)- in house account – limit \$1,000.00 / month

PNC Giant Eagle

<i>Christine Bacon</i>	<i>Duane Bidlack</i>	<i>Jessica Boalt</i>
<i>Deana Catucci</i>	<i>Reba Dykes</i>	<i>Nathan Gorton</i>
<i>Hannah Heinz</i>	<i>Virginia Lester</i>	<i>Sandy McLeod</i>
<i>Jeanne Molzon</i>	<i>Becky O'Reilly</i>	<i>Jacci Pavlick</i>
<i>Ellie Rickard</i>	<i>Karen Stone</i>	<i>Cathie Wells</i>
<i>Melissa Wheeler</i>	<i>Vicki Zanella</i>	

Marc/Marc Glassman

<i>Christine Bacon</i>	<i>Duane Bidlack</i>	<i>Jessica Boalt</i>
<i>Deana Catucci</i>	<i>Reba Dykes</i>	<i>Nathan Gorton</i>
<i>Hannah Heinz</i>	<i>Virginia Lester</i>	<i>Sandy McLeod</i>
<i>Jeanne Molzon</i>	<i>Becky O'Reilly</i>	<i>Jacci Pavlick</i>
<i>Ellie Rickard</i>	<i>Karen Stone</i>	<i>Bonnie Tayek</i>
<i>Cathie Wells</i>	<i>Melissa Wheeler</i>	<i>Vicki Zanella</i>

Centerra

<i>Christine Bacon</i>	<i>Kristen Bibby</i>	<i>Duane Bidlack</i>
<i>Jessica Boalt</i>	<i>Rudy Breunig</i>	<i>Joshua Burton</i>
<i>Kevin Cunningham</i>	<i>Reba Dykes</i>	<i>Nathan Gorton</i>
<i>Hannah Heinz</i>	<i>Michelle Hering</i>	<i>Virginia Lester</i>
<i>Sandy McLeod</i>	<i>Michael Niles</i>	<i>Becky O'Reilly</i>
<i>Natalie Pajk</i>	<i>Bill Phillips</i>	<i>Ellie Rickard</i>
<i>Amber Sizemore</i>	<i>Karen Stone</i>	<i>Shaun Strand</i>
<i>Sandi Strichko</i>	<i>Jeff Thomas</i>	<i>Cathie Wells</i>

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Melissa Wheeler Kim Yonisik Vicki Zanella

Board of Commissioners for the Community & Economic Development

Geauga Credit Union Visa – credit limit \$1,500.00

Card Limit - \$1,500.00

Daily Spending - \$1,000.00

Monthly Spending - \$1,500.00

Single Transaction Limit - \$1,000.00

Daily Number Transactions – 5

Monthly Number Transactions - 20

Gina Hofstetter

Elaine Malkamaki

Commissioner's Office

Geauga Credit Union Visa – Board of Commissioners

Card limit - \$4,000.00

Daily Spending Limit - \$4,000.00

Monthly Spending Limit - \$4,000.00

Daily Number Transactions – 10

Monthly Number Transactions - 50

Geauga Credit Union Visa

James W. Dvorak

Ralph Spidalieri

Carolyn Brakey

~~Gerard Morgan~~

Adrian Gorton

Kathy Hostutler

Christine Blair

Deborah Ashburn

Megan Erickson

Linda Burhenne

Board of Commissioners for the Department of Emergency Services

PNC Giant Eagle Visa

Geauga Credit Union Visa

Card Limit - \$5,000.00

Daily Spending per card - \$1,000.00

Monthly Spending per card - \$1,500.00

Single Transaction Limit - \$1,000.00

Daily Number Transactions – 5

Monthly Number Transactions - 30

PNC Giant Eagle / Geauga Credit Union Visa

Roger Peterson

Judith Oberstar

M. Austin Rice

Brandon M. Reed

Board of Commissioners for the Department of Job and Family Services

Geauga Credit Union Visa \$7,500.00 / month

PNC Giant Eagle Visa \$1,000.00 / month

(Capital One) Walmart Community Card \$3,000.00 / month

Wright Express (WEX) Fleet \$5,000.00 / month

Geauga Credit Union Visa

Gina Gubanyor

Lisa Milgate

Paul Reiman

Alyssa Steinhoff

Craig Swenson

PNC Giant Eagle

Rex Brobst

Rachael Brown (Tetlow)

Lisa DiFini

Brooke Dowling (Bourdeau)

Amy Fazi (Buresch)

Cassandra Kiharik

Cheryl Morgan

Kelly Thurling

Walmart Community Card

Leslie Abbuhl

Jillian Barath

Dawn Bates

Rachael Brown (Tetlow)

Natalie Cavolo (Roncagli)

Matt Cebron

Kelly Cinadr (Conroy)

Lauren Clark (Rakocy)

Haley Cruikshank

Brooke Dowling (Bourdeau)

Amy Fazi (Buresch)

Gina Gubanyor (Schultz)

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<i>Allie Hulsmann</i>	<i>Molly Johnson</i>	<i>Alex Koppel</i>
<i>Melanie Lacy (Becker)</i>	<i>Heather Martin</i>	<i>Jodi Miller</i>
<i>Kristina Miller</i>	<i>Michelle Moore</i>	<i>Cheryl Morgan</i>
<i>Megan Morton</i>	<i>Faith Peters</i>	<i>Caryn Radcliff</i>
<i>John Roberts</i>	<i>Robin Schwed</i>	<i>Julie Seline (Dwyer)</i>
<i>Amy Tressler</i>		

Wright Express (WEX) Fleet

<i>Leslie Abbuhl</i>	<i>Heidi Abrams</i>	<i>Lori Babik</i>	<i>Jillian Barath</i>
<i>Laura Baron</i>	<i>Dawn Bates</i>	<i>Christina Bender</i>	<i>James Blazey</i>
<i>Rex Brobst</i>	<i>Natalie Cavolo (Roncagli)</i>		<i>Matt Cebron</i>
<i>Scott Christopher</i>	<i>Kelly Cinadr (Conroy)</i>	<i>Lauren Clark (Rakocy)</i>	
<i>Michelle Cmund</i>	<i>Haley Cruikshank</i>	<i>Maureen DeMarco</i>	
<i>Brooke Dowling (Bourdeau)</i>	<i>Amy Fazi (Buresch)</i>	<i>Todd Foreman</i>	<i>Misty Gotham</i>
<i>Brian Guarniere</i>	<i>Gina Gubanyor (Schultz)</i>		<i>Ashley Higginbotham</i>
<i>Ashley Hollesh (Hiscox)</i>	<i>Allie Hulsmann</i>	<i>Molly Johnson</i>	<i>Tim Kehres</i>
<i>Alex Koppel</i>	<i>Cassandra Kuharik</i>	<i>Melanie Lacy (Becker)</i>	<i>Susan Legg</i>
<i>Heather Martin</i>	<i>Kylie McCann</i>	<i>Keith McCrory</i>	<i>Peter Medved</i>
<i>Lisa Milgate</i>	<i>Jodi Miller</i>	<i>Kristina Miller</i>	<i>Casey Mills</i>
<i>Michelle Moore</i>	<i>Cheryl Morgan</i>	<i>Megan Morton</i>	<i>Faith Peters</i>
<i>Caryn Radcliff</i>	<i>Paul Reiman</i>	<i>John Roberts</i>	<i>Julie Seline</i>
<i>Tracy Sindelar (Olszowy)</i>	<i>Patricia Spisak</i>	<i>Alyssa Steinhoff</i>	<i>Craig Swenson</i>
<i>Josephine Thomsen</i>	<i>Kelly Thurling</i>	<i>Amy Tressler</i>	<i>James Zock</i>
<i>Robin Schwed</i>			

Board of Commissioners for the Maintenance Department

Home Depot (Commercial) – No Limit
Daily Spending Per Card – Not to exceed monthly limit
Single Transaction Limit – Not to exceed monthly limit
Daily Number of Transactions – 10 per card
Monthly Number of Transactions – 50 per card
Monthly Spending Per Card -

<i>Glen Vernick</i>	<i>\$5,000.00</i>
<i>Rik Wareham</i>	<i>\$5,000.00</i>
<i>Matt Sieracki</i>	<i>\$5,000.00</i>
<i>Kevin Borsi</i>	<i>\$1,000.00</i>
<i>Ken Kovach</i>	<i>\$1,000.00</i>
<i>Connor Loza</i>	<i>\$1,000.00</i>
<i>John Ludlow</i>	<i>\$1,000.00</i>
<i>Gary Merker</i>	<i>\$1,000.00</i>
<i>Josh Burton (Aging)</i>	<i>\$1,000.00</i>
<i>Kevin Cunningham (Aging)</i>	<i>\$1,000.00</i>
<i>Shaun Strand (Aging)</i>	<i>\$1,000.00</i>

Board of Commissioners for the Department of Water Resources

Geauga Credit Union Visa (4 cards) – Employee Name
Card limit - \$5,000.00
Daily Spending per card - \$5,000.00
Monthly Spending per card - \$5,000.00
Single Transaction Limit - \$5,000.00
Daily Number Transactions – 10
Monthly Number Transactions – 50

Nicholas J. Gorris, P.E.
David Osborn II
Linda Paranish
Kathleen Miller

Home Depot (Commercial) (8 cards) – Employee Name
Card Limit - \$3,900.00
Daily Spending per card - \$3,900.00
Monthly Spending per card - \$3,900.00
Single Transaction Limit - \$3,900.00

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Daily Number Transactions – 10
Monthly Number Transactions – 50
Nicholas J. Gorris, P.E.
David Osborn II
Ray Farinacci
Karen Peterson
Dana Cavallaro
Brian Cain
Shawn Maruna
Robert Carter

Tractor Supply Company – Business Account
Card Limit - \$4,000.00
Daily Spending - \$4,000.00
Monthly Spending - \$4,000.00
Single Transaction Limit - \$4,000.00
Daily Number Transactions – 10
Monthly Number Transactions – 50
Ray Farinacci

Motion: by Commissioner Brakey, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Applications for Authorization for the use of County Credit Cards forms for the 2025 Year, per O.R.C. 301.27.

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

Ms. Blair explained that the resolution that had been on the organizational agenda for unforeseen circumstances has been pulled due to some back and forth with the Prosecutor's Office and hopefully will be back on for next week.

The Board completed the Organizational Meeting and moved back into regular agenda items.

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion: by Commissioner Brakey, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to move into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the discipline of a public employee.

Mr. Spidalieri asked what department the discipline was for, to which Ms. Burhenne noted that it was for the Dog Warden's Office.

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

The Board moved into Executive Session at 10:31 a.m. with Chief Deputy Tom Rowan, Ms. Burhenne and Human Resources Administrator Kathy Hostutler. The Board returned from Executive Session at 11:10 a.m. and no action was taken.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Gerard Morgan thanked Mr. Spidalieri and Mr. Lennon and thank the citizens of the county for the last six years as county administrator and eighteen years including Water Resources.

Diane Jones asked for clarification on the appointees to the ADP Board and Board of Revision, to which Mr. Dvorak stated that ADP was Ms. Brakey, myself, Mr. Spidalieri and then Ms. Burhenne, and for the Board of Revision, it was Mr. Dvorak, Ms. Brakey, Mr. Spidalieri and Ms. Burhenne.

Local residents Jim Duralia, Steven Oluic, Howard Newell and Jody Danko expressed appreciation to Mr. Morgan for his years of service, for Mr. Granito for his hard work and thankful that he was re-appointed today as the Dog Warden. The residents expressed frustration over the events that took place during the meeting today, that included Mr. Morgan not being re-

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appointed as the County Administrator. The residents made some strong statements and suggestions for the Board to take into consideration.

DISCUSSION – LIVESTREAM MEMO

Ms. Brakey asked the Board if they had a chance to read the memo from Mr. Antenucci regarding the ability to stream meetings, which included three potential options: YouTube, Microsoft Teams or the Creston system in chambers (longer term solution). Ms. Brakey expressed that for the immediate solution, her preference is YouTube because it doesn't require a link the way Teams does. Mr. Dvorak expressed that he was okay with YouTube. Ms. Brakey stated that long term, the Creston system is ideal as ADP has an appetite to learn how to use it. Ms. Burhenne asked for clarification if that is for live streaming and recording.

Motion: by Commissioner Brakey, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to stream meetings via YouTube starting next week, using YouTube for live and with recording.

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

The Board presented the resolution to Commissioner Timothy Lennon.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

- a) Appointment by the Court of Common Pleas, Probate Division, of David Welty to the Geauga County Board of Developmental Disabilities Board for the term January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2028.*
- b) Geauga County Board of Developmental Disabilities November 20, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes.*

OTHER

The Board reviewed upcoming events.

MEETINGS

- Mon., 1/13 Board of Revision, Organizational Meeting, 11:00 a.m., Auditor's Appraisal Conference Room*
- Mon., 1/13 ADP Organizational Meeting, 2:00 p.m., Auditor's Appraisal Conference Room*
- Tue., 1/14 The Commissioners will hold session at 9:30 a.m.*
- Mon., 1/20 **County Offices will be closed in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Twenty-four hour operations will continue to operate as normal.***
- Thu., 1/23 The Commissioners will hold session at 9:30 a.m.*
- Tue., 1/28 The Commissioners will hold session at 9:30 a.m.*

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BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD

Motion: by Commissioner Brakey, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to adjourn the meeting at 11:24 a.m.

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Ralph Spidalieri

James W. Dvorak

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Christine Blair, Commissioners' Clerk

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