

**Commissioners' Journal**  
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*The Geauga County Board of Commissioners met in session on February 11, 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, James W. Dvorak opened the meeting at 9:30 a.m. by leading the Board and audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.*

*Commissioner Dvorak read the following prayer:*

*Heavenly Father*

*Thank you for your goodness and faithfulness in my life.*

*Thank you for refreshing and renewing my heart.*

*Fill me with your peace,*

*Fill me with your strength.*

*Help me to do good and stand firm*

*Until I see my harvest of blessings.*

*In Jesus name*

*Amen*

**MEETING MINUTES**

*Motion: by Commissioner Brakey, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute the minutes for the meeting of January 14, 2025.*

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

*Motion: by Commissioner Brakey, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute the minutes for the meeting of January 23, 2025.*

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

*\*Commissioner Spidalieri was absent from this meeting.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Brakey, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute the minutes for the meeting of January 28, 2025.*

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

**APPROVE FINANCIALS**

*Mr. Gorton explained the financials for today as including Supplemental Appropriations from the Commissioners' Office for ADP, Auditor, Board of Elections, Commissioners, Common Pleas Court, Maintenance, Planning Commission, Public Defender and Sheriff, as directed by the Board during last week's discussion including \$3,000.00 in the Auditor's General Medicare account due to an error when the original request was reduced; Supplemental Appropriation from the Department on Aging in their levy fund transfer out expense account; Cash transfer from the Department on Aging from their levy fund to their Senior Center Construction Fund; Cash transfers from the Commissioners to the Common Pleas Court Technology Fund, 911 Program, 800 Communications and the Computer Equipment Improvements funds in support of last week's supplemental discussion; formal Contract PO from the Commissioners to Infinity Construction Co., Incorporated for the remaining \$10 Million amount on the original contract; a Then and Now for the Common Pleas Court to Avertest, LLC for services related to the Court's New Leaf Program from June 2024 that were not previously encumbered; Travel requests for the Planning Commission, the Recorder's Office and Veteran's Commission; a payment for the*

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*Commissioners' Office to ThenDesign Architecture LTD for design services related to the Courthouse Expansion Project in the amount of \$41,926.66 and a Revenue Certification from the Department on Aging for money transferred to the Senior Center Construction Fund.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Brakey to approve and execute Resolution #25-020 itemizing the financials for the meeting of February 11, 2025.*

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

*COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE – UNIT PRICE CONTRACT – RONYAK PAVING, INCORPORATED – ASPHALT RESURFACING OF AUBURN ROAD – CHARDON TOWNSHIP*

*Deputy Engineer Shane Hajjar asked the Board to execute the Unit Price Contract with Ronyak Paving, Incorporated for the asphalt resurfacing of Auburn Road.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Brakey to approve and execute the Unit Price Contract with 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.*

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

*COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE – EXECUTE TITLE SHEET OF PLANS – RECONSTRUCTION OF THE WASHINGTON STREET / BAINBRIDGE ROAD INTERSECTION*

*Mr. Hajjar asked the Board to execute the title sheet for the plans on the reconstruction of the intersection of Washington Street and Bainbridge Road.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Brakey to approve and execute the Title Sheet of the Plans for the Reconstruction of the Washington Street / Bainbridge Road Intersection in Auburn Township.*

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

*COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE – OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION – 2024 COUNTY HIGHWAY SYSTEM MILEAGE CERTIFICATION*

*Mr. Hajjar asked the Board to execute the Ohio Department of Transportation County Highway System Mileage Certification for 234.757 miles.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Brakey to approve and execute the Ohio Department of Transportation, Office of Technical Services, 2024 County Highway System Mileage Certification for 234.757 Miles.*

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

*COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE – APPROVE REDUCTION BY 33% TO MAXIMUM LOAD LIMIT PERMITTED – ALL COUNTY AND TOWNSHIP ROADS – EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 15, 2025*

*Administrator Katie Taylor and Director of Highway Administration Trace Turnbull asked the Board to approve the reduction by 33% to the maximum load limit on all county and township roads to reduce damage during freeze and thaw periods. Commissioner Brakey asked if this was a temporary measure and how it gets lifted. Mr. Turnbull replied that it would be done in the same way, with a request to the Board to lift the reduction. Ms. Brakey asked if the reduction impacts trucking companies within the county, to which Mr. Turnbull responded that they would*

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have to reduce their load limits by 33%, which confirmed the statement that they are running at max load limit. Commissioner Brakey asked how the notification is advertised. It was discussed that the county and township have their own signs that are used and those get attached onto road signs.

*Motion:* by Commissioner Brakey, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve the reduction by 33% to the maximum load limit permitted on all County and Township roads, effective February 15, 2025, in accordance with Section 5577.07 of the Ohio Revised Code. This reduction is necessary to minimize damage to the roads during periods of freeze/thaw and excessive moisture.

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

**MAINTENANCE – SERVICE CONTRACT AGREEMENT – E TECHNOLOGIES, INCORPORATED**

Contract Coordinator Matt Sieracki asked the Board to approve the service contract agreement with E Technologies. Ms. Brakey asked for clarification on UPS, meaning uninterruptable power supply, for battery backup systems, and where they were located within the county. Mr. Sieracki responded that they are at the Annex, 470 Center Street, Department of Emergency Services, the Safety Center and the County Office Building.

*Motion:* by Commissioner Brakey, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute the service Contract Agreement with E Technologies, Incorporated to provide inspections and maintenance to UPS (Uninterruptable Power Supply) units at various County locations per the Director for a two-year period, effective February 17, 2025, in an amount not to exceed \$65,000.00.

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

**DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – MORTGAGE RELEASE FOR PARCEL #02-421478 – HELD AS MAINTENANCE BOND – CANYON LAKES COLONY SUBDIVISION, PHASE 15 – SANITARY SEWER AND WATER LINES**

Director Nicholas Gorris asked the Board to approve the mortgage release for parcel #02-421478, that was being held as the maintenance bond for the sanitary sewer and water lines in Canyon Lakes Colony subdivision, phase 15.

*Motion:* by Commissioner Brakey, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute the Mortgage Release for Parcel #02-421478, held as the ten percent Maintenance Bond for the Canyon Lakes Colony Subdivision, Phase 15 in Bainbridge Township, as the Sanitary Sewer and Waterlines installed have been installed, approved and accepted per the approved construction plans and have been in service for at least one year without issue.

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

**DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – AGREEMENT – RAFTELIS FINANCIAL CONSULTANTS, INCORPORATED – RATE STUDY SERVICES**

Mr. Gorris asked the Board to approve the agreement with Raftelis Financial Consultants to perform a rate study of wastewater and water district service areas. Mr. Gorris explained that the company completed a previous study in 2016 that gave them the rate increases from 2017 – 2023. Mr. Gorris hopes that this will continue to incorporate the data going forward. The surrounding area municipalities have been increasing, including Middlefield, Burton went up 20% and Chardon has a rate set standard that includes an increase over several years. Ms. Brakey confirmed that the last full study was in 2016, to which Mr. Gorris responded that it was completed in 2016, adopted in 2017 and went into effect with rates in 2020. Mr. Gorris added that they hope to have it completed within six months and hope to have a recommendation to potentially do nothing, reformat the rate structure and either make it standardized or make more

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*sense for the areas they are within.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Brakey, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute the Agreement between the Geauga County Board of Commissioners and Raftelis Financial Consultants, Incorporated for Rate Study Services to perform a Rate Study of Water Resources' wastewater and water district service areas in an amount not to exceed \$40,000.00.*

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

**DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – ADVERTISE POSITION – FULL-TIME MAINTENANCE WORKER (#2330)**

*Mr. Gorris asked the Board to approve advertising for a Maintenance Worker, noting that this is their entry level position with no certification required. Mr. Gorris responded to a question from Mr. Dvorak about the number of positions they have. It was noted currently four (4) and some are classified as specialists as they hold a level of certification, like a CDL.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Brakey to grant permission to advertise for the position of Full-time Maintenance Worker (#2330). This position will remain posted until filled.*

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

**JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES – ACKNOWLEDGE THE FAMILY FIRST COUNCIL MUTUAL FUNDING AGREEMENT FOR JANUARY 1, 2025, THROUGH JUNE 30, 2025, AND WILL NOT BE COLLECTING FUNDING (2<sup>ND</sup> HALF FY2025)**

*Director Craig Swenson and Family First Council Coordinator Tim Kehres asked the Board to acknowledge that the Family First Mutual Funding Agreement for January 1, 2025 through June 30, 2025, which is the second half of FY 2025 for them, will not be collected, as they currently have a surplus in funding. It was discussed that this does not happen very often, that Geauga is an anomaly, that the rest of the state has been seeing an increase, with bed day shortages, but they do have a concern over what may be happening in the county. Mr. Kehres stated that they want to be good stewards of taxpayer funding, and they don't want to collect if it's not necessary. Mr. Swenson explained that they are trying to look at why they may not be getting the usual number of phone calls. He notes that the schools are still being proactive in calling if needed, and wonders if they are missing something or if we are just being blessed right now.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Brakey to acknowledge that the Family First Council Mutual Funding Agreement, which includes Job and Family Services, Mental Health and Recovery Services, Board of Developmental Disabilities and the Commissioners, will not be collecting funding for the period January 1, 2025 through June 30, 2025 (2<sup>nd</sup> Half FY2025) due to a temporary surplus in Council funding from a lack of youth in residential treatment.*

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

**JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES – DISCUSS THE OPTIONS REGARDING THE LOCATION OF THE NEW GEAUGA COUNTY YOUTH CENTER**

*Mr. Swenson explained that he wanted to discuss the options regarding the location of the new Youth Center. Mr. Swenson explained that originally the Board agreed to keep the location on the existing property but move it over across the ravine. Mr. Swenson expressed that there are two homes in the area that could have been impacted by the removal of trees, there was a large amount of dirt that needed to be moved to accommodate the driveway, and then they had received concerns from the surrounding property owners. Mr. Dvorak mentioned that the Board did receive a letter from Claridon Township Trustees on behalf of the property owners.*

*Mr. Swenson explained that we then looked at the property across the street, on Aquilla Road,*

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*next to the old County Home. While it didn't have significant tree removal, it would need a lot of site preparation and to be set back farther in order to achieve level ground and utilities.*

*Mr. Swenson explained that the other location that was an option is one of the four parcels located on Ravenwood Drive across from the Library Administration building. This location had the least amount of cost for site preparation and utilities and is very accessible. Mr. Swenson explained that this location appeared to be the best option.*

*Ms. Brakey asked about the corner lot of Aquilla Road and Ravenwood Drive, to which Mr. Swenson replied that they did look at it, but the grade of the parcel and the huge drainage ditch that runs across the property made it not the best option.*

*Mr. Swenson expressed gratitude to the Board noting that this project has been a long time coming and will be huge and he can't wait to see it completed.*

*Ms. Brakey asked about this location change impacting the grant process. Acting County Administrator Linda Burhenne explained that we will have to start over again, that she had spoken with someone at the state, explained that there would be a possible change in the location, and they have given an extension until February 28. Ms. Burhenne added that we will need to speak with the Township if zoning will be affected, but paperwork will need to be compiled and resubmitted. Mr. Swenson added that depending on the site location, the State will have to come back and revisit the site location. Ms. Burhenne added that the question still remaining is the mortgage attached to the grant, which is a twenty-year, forgivable, mortgage, provided we continue to provide the service. Ms. Burhenne noted that we do not have a reporting requirement; it is to be monitored by Mental Health. Mr. Swenson noted that the current Youth Center has an Ohio Mental Health Addiction Services (OMHAS) certification and the new building will far exceed those requirements.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Brakey to move the location of the new Geauga County Youth Center from the Aquilla Road location to the lot on Ravenwood Drive, across from the Library Administration Building.*

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

**COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – MUNSON TOWNSHIP LETTER OF AUTHORIZATION AND REPRESENTATION FOR JOHN BENEDICT, BRILLIANT SIGN COMPANY – DESIGNATED AGENT – VARIANCE REQUEST – BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS**

*Ms. Burhenne explained that this request has to do with the signage all around the County Office Building campus and working with NV5 and Brilliant Sign Company. Ms. Burhenne explained that Munson Township has asked the Board to authorize Brilliant Sign to represent the Board at a hearing regarding the signage, and the size that is needed for people to find their way around this area. Ms. Brakey asked if there was a charge for Mr. Benedict to represent the Board, to which it was noted that it is included as part of the signage agreement.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Brakey, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Munson Township Letter of Authorization and Representation for John Benedict from Brilliant Sign Company to act as the designated agent regarding a Variance Request before the Munson Township Board of Zoning Appeals to erect wayfinding signage and relief from paying a zoning fee.*

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

**COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – REQUEST FOR PARTIAL PAYMENT #16 – INFINITY CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, INCORPORATED – COURTHOUSE EXPANSION**

*Ms. Burhenne asked the Board to approve the request for partial payment #16 for Infinity Construction Company for the Courthouse Expansion, GMP Phase 1 and Phase 2 expenses. Ms. Brakey asked if the total cost of the project was just north of \$20 million.*

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*Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Brakey to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Request for Partial Payment #16 for Infinity Construction Company, Incorporated for the Geauga County Courthouse Expansion GMP Phase 1 and Phase 2 expenses in the amount of \$575,998.08.*

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

**COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – RESOLUTION RESCINDING RESOLUTION #24-203 – AND FURTHER REQUEST TO ESTABLISH A NEW FUND, COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY FUND**

*Clerk, Christine Blair explained that the next resolutions may seem confusing, however the language in them is to rescind the original actions and then ask to establish a new fund and still do the appropriation towards the project but include the change to the project. Ms. Blair stated that the fund will retain the same name of “County Agricultural Society Fund” but the purpose will now include language to make the fund usable for additional uses, including new construction, repairs and improvements to the fairgrounds and not just the single project of the poultry barn. Ms. Blair explained that the Fair Board / Agricultural Society changed the scope of the project from a single Poultry Barn at 14,000 square feet, to now two buildings, a smaller Poultry Barn and a new Sale Barn, remaining at about the same 14,000 square footage in size, but two buildings at the same approximate cost.*

*Ms. Brakey asked about the process for the funding. Ms. Blair explained that the funding will be moved into the fund. The Agricultural Society has to provide a bond in twice the amount of the funding, so a \$1.5 Million bond will be held by the Auditor and the Agricultural Society Treasurer requests the funds directly from the Auditor. Ms. Brakey inquired about overseeing the bidding process, to which it was noted that they are required to follow the Ohio Revised Code but that they would handle the project.*

*Ms. Blair added that this is the first time since she has been with the County that the Board has provided this amount of funding on a project, that it typically has been a reimbursement of sorts of about \$20,000.00 and they provided copies of receipts for work that has been completed. There have been changes within the ORC that now require this new fund and process. There was a brief discussion about any funding remaining on the project and how it would be handled, either returning to the General Fund or remaining for future projects. Ms. Blair noted that the total cost of the project exceeds the amount of funds the Board appropriated and the Agricultural Society will cover any additional costs associated with the project.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Brakey, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute Resolution #25-021 Rescinding Resolution #24-203 and further Requesting to Establish a New Fund, County Agricultural Society Fund.*

*Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio*

*Date: February 11, 2025*  
*Resolution: #25-021*

**A RESOLUTION RESCINDING RESOLUTION # 24-203 AND FURTHER REQUESTING TO ESTABLISH A NEW FUND**

*WHEREAS, the Geauga County Commissioners (“Commissioners”) passed Resolution #24-203 requesting that a new special fund be established and called the “County Agricultural Society Fund”; and*

*WHEREAS, the Board stated in Resolution # 24-203 that the establishment of the new fund was for the appropriation made by the Commissioners pursuant to R.C. 1711.15 and R.C. 1711.16 for the purpose of providing funds for the construction of a 14,000 SF poultry barn. However, the Geauga County Agricultural Society (“Agricultural Society”) recently informed the Commissioners that it no longer desires to construct a larger poultry barn and now plans to construct a smaller poultry barn as well as a sale barn; and*

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*WHEREAS, the fund established under Resolution #24-203 has not been funded as of this date and the Board wishes to rescind Resolution #24-203, extinguish the unfunded limited purpose fund created thereunder, and by this Resolution create a new fund for the erection or repair of buildings on the fairgrounds or to otherwise improve the fairgrounds and for any other purposes authorized by R.C. 1711.15 and 1711.16 and approved by the Board of Commissioners in order to accommodate the Agricultural Society's poultry and sale barn project and/or any other projects or uses requested by the Agricultural Society and authorized by the Commissioners; and*

*WHEREAS, the sources of revenue for the current \$750,000.00 appropriation by the Commissioners will still include but are not necessarily limited to funds from 452 – Other and 499 – Transfers in, with anticipated expenditures that include but are not limited to fund 807 – Building and Improvement and 999 – Transfers Out and may include other sources of revenue as deemed appropriate by the Commissioners or their representatives; and*

*WHEREAS, the funds shall remain in the new special fund until they are applied for by the treasurer of the County Agricultural Society and the bond is given, or as otherwise provided by R.C. 1711.16.*

*NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Commissioners do hereby rescind Resolution # 24-203, extinguish the unfunded limited purpose fund created thereunder, and by this Resolution establish a new fund entitled "County Agricultural Society Fund" for the erection or repair of buildings on the fairgrounds or to otherwise improve the fairgrounds and for any other purposes authorized by R.C. 1711.15 and 1711.116 and approved by the Board of Commissioners in order to accommodate the Agricultural Society's poultry and sale barn project and/or any other projects requested by the Agricultural Society and authorized by the Commissioners.*

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

**COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – RESOLUTION RESCINDING RESOLUTION #24-204 AND AUTHORIZING THE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY TO CONSTRUCT A NEW POULTRY BARN AND NEW SALE BARN ON THE FAIRGROUNDS – APPROVE APPROPRIATION OF \$750,000.00 FROM GENERAL FUND**

*Ms. Blair noted that this resolution continues to appropriate the funds of \$750,000.00 towards the project, but includes the change of the project from the single poultry barn to now the smaller poultry barn and additional sale barn.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Brakey, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute Resolution #25-022 Rescinding Resolution #24-204 and authorizing the Geauga County Agricultural Society to Construct a New Poultry Barn and New Sale Barn on the Geauga County Fairgrounds and to Approve an Appropriation of \$750,000.00 from the General Fund to the County Agricultural Society Fund for the purpose of Contributing Funding towards the Construction of the Buildings.*

*Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County Ohio*

*Date: February 11, 2025*

*Resolution: #25-022*

**A RESOLUTION RESCINDING RESOLUTION #24-204 AND AUTHORIZING THE GEAUGA COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY TO CONSTRUCT A NEW POULTRY BARN AND NEW SALE BARN ON THE GEAUGA COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS AND TO APPROVE AN APPROPRIATION OF \$750,000.00 FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY FUND FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONTRIBUTING FUNDING TOWARDS THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE BUILDINGS**

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*WHEREAS, Geauga County has a duly organized County Agricultural Society (“Agricultural Society”) which manages and controls real estate (the “Fairgrounds”) on which it holds agricultural fairs pursuant to O.R.C. 1711.15; and*

*WHEREAS, as owner of the Fairgrounds, the Geauga County Board of Commissioners (“Commissioners”) is authorized to erect buildings on the Fairgrounds property; and*

*WHEREAS, the Commissioners passed Resolution #24-204 authorizing the Agricultural Society to construct a 14,000 SF poultry barn on the Fairgrounds and the Commissioners also approved an appropriation of \$750,000 from the County’s General Fund to the newly established fund created thereunder called the County Agricultural Society Fund in order to contribute funding to the construction of the new poultry barn; and*

*WHEREAS, the Agricultural Society no longer desires to construct a new 14,000 SF poultry barn and as now expressed a desire to construct two buildings consisting of a sale barn and a poultry barn of different dimensions on the Fairgrounds; and*

*WHEREAS, the Commissioners wish to rescind Resolution #24-204 and now allow the Agricultural Society to contract for the erection of the new poultry barn and new sale barn on the Fairgrounds at an estimated project cost of \$792,000.00, and the Commissioners also approve an appropriation from the County’s General Fund of \$750,000.00 to a new fund established by separate Resolution of the Board on this date called the County Agricultural Society Fund in order to contribute funding to the construction of the new buildings; and*

*WHEREAS, the Director of the Ohio Department of Agriculture issued a certificate of compliance to the Commissioners that the County Agricultural Society has complied with all laws of the State and rules of the department governing the operation of county agricultural societies, as required by R.C. 1711.15; and*

*WHEREAS, the County Agricultural Society is required to provide the Auditor with a bond, as required by R.C. 1711.16.*

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

*The Commissioners rescind Resolution # 24-204, and pursuant to O.R.C. 1711.15 and 1711.16, hereby approve and authorize the County Agricultural Society to contract for the erection of a new poultry barn and new sale barn on the Fairgrounds.*

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Commissioners approve an appropriation of \$750,000.00 from the General Fund to the new County Agricultural Society Fund established by separate Resolution of the Board on this date for the purpose of contributing funding towards the construction of the new buildings.*

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED; the County Agricultural Society shall provide the Auditor with the appropriate bond required under R.C. 1711.16.*

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

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

**COMMISSIONERS’ OFFICE – RESOLUTION – SECOND – AMENDED, RESOLUTION APPROVING THE USE OF COUNTY CREDIT CARDS FOR THE YEAR 2025**

*Ms. Blair explained that the new credit card policy has been a learning curve for all of us, and typically, this would have all been done, but with so many steps in the process now, we are still getting departments submitting their requests. Ms. Blair asked the Board to approve the second amended resolution for credit card use, that adds the Building Department and the Common Pleas Court cards and an increase in the monthly allowable amount for Aging for the Centerra account as they added an additional driver and to accommodate the current prices of fuel.*

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*Motion: by Commissioner Brakey, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute Resolution #25-023 Second - Amended, Resolution Approving the Use of County Credit Cards for the Year 2025 for Agencies and Cardholders Pursuant to O.R.C. 301.27, which includes the Building Department, Common Pleas Court and for an increase to the Department on Aging, Centerra account monthly limit.*

*Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio*

*Date: February 11, 2025*

*Resolution: #25-023*

**SECOND - AMENDED**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE USE OF COUNTY CREDIT CARDS  
FOR THE YEAR 2025 FOR THE ADDITIONAL AGENCIES OF THE COMMISSIONERS'  
OFFICE FOR THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT AND THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS  
AND INCREASING THE MONTHLY LIMIT ON THE DEPT. ON AGING CENTERRA CARD,  
PURSUANT TO O.R.C. 301.27**

*WHEREAS, the Geauga County Board of Commissioners in Resolutions # 25-005 and # 25-009 ("Resolutions") approved the applications for the use of County Credit Cards submitted by the following Agencies for the Year 2025; and*

*WHEREAS, the Agencies included in the Resolutions are the Auditor's Office / ADP, Clerk of Courts, 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, by this second amendment the Board desires to further amend the Resolutions to add the following additional Agencies: Commissioners' Office for the Building Department and the Common Pleas Court ("Additional Agencies"); and*

*WHEREAS, the Board also desires to amend the Resolutions to increase the Department on Aging, Centerra account monthly limit; and*

*WHEREAS, the Board, pursuant to O.R.C.301.27, requires those Additional 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 Additional 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 transactions 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, all as designated in Second Amended Exhibit A attached; and*

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that those Additional 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 Spidalieri</i>	<i>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Brakey</i>	<i>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Dvorak</i>	<i>Aye</i>

**Second Amended - 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:***

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**AUDITOR / ADP**

Geauga Credit Union Visa – [REDACTED] 0123

Issued in the name of 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

**CLERK OF COURTS**

Geauga Credit Union Visa – [REDACTED] 1626

Issued in the name of Geauga County Clerk of Courts

Limited to \$1,200 per month

Sheila M. Bevington

Tammy McClintock

Bonnie Guarnera

**COMMON PLEAS COURT**

Geauga Credit Union Visa – [REDACTED] 9548

Issued in the name of – Common Pleas Court

Card Limit - \$6,000.00 (4 Cards)

Daily Spending Limit - \$6,000.00

Monthly Spending Limit - \$6,000.00

Single Transaction Limit - \$6,000.00

Daily Transaction Limit - 10

Monthly Transaction Limit - 50

Carolyn Paschke

Matthew Rambo

Randy Taylor

Dave Lubecky

**COMMON PLEAS COURT – DRUG COURT**

Geauga Credit Union Visa – [REDACTED] 9529

Issued in the name of Drug Court

Card Limit - \$6,000.00

Daily Spending Limit - \$2,000.00

Monthly Spending Limit per card - \$2,000.00 / \$6,000.00

Single Transaction Limit - \$2,000.00

Daily Transaction Limit – 6

Monthly Transaction Limit - 20

Maureen Maruna

Greg Potts

**COMMON PLEAS COURT – PROBATION DEPARTMENT**

Geauga Credit Union Visa – [REDACTED] 9453

Issued in the name of Probation Department

Card Limit - \$6,000.00

Daily Spending Limit - \$2,000.00

Monthly Spending Limit per card \$2,000.00/\$6,000.00

Single Transaction Limit - \$2,000.00

Daily Transaction Limit – 6

Monthly Transaction Limit – 20

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Nicole Walker  
Danielle Bokar  
Matthew Zupancic

**COMMON PLEAS COURT – PROBATE / JUVENILE COURT**

Geauga Credit Union Visa – [REDACTED] 0162

Issued in the name of Probate / Juvenile Court

Card 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**

First National Bank (21 cards) – [REDACTED] -7015

Sub Account Numbers (cards) 7064, 2950, 2598, 774, 7114, 7122, 7130, 1105, 1363, 1486,  
1494, 1683, 7661, 3259, 3267, 3275, 3283, 3291, 1184, 3317

Card Limit - \$15,000.00

Home Depot (3 cards)

No limits on amount or transactions daily, weekly or monthly

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

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

Gary Kracker  
Christina Lamtman  
Brian Leonard  
Thomas Lombardo  
David Loomis  
Jonathan Lopresti  
Allison Malchow  
Michele Malliski  
Daniel Martin  
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 Tropp  
Christopher Tryon  
Jaclyn Tryon  
Scott Tyler  
Donald Walker  
Joshua Wendt  
Michael Wilson  
Grant Winney

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*Lisa Sayre*  
*Michael Scarniench*

*Francisco Tapia*  
*Robin Taylor*

*Gretchen Wolfe*  
*Erik Wright*

**Board of Commissioners for the Department on Aging**

*PNC Giant Eagle Visa (3 cards) – [REDACTED]-4770, [REDACTED]-4812, and [REDACTED]-8030*

*Issued in the name of Department on Aging*

*Card Limit \$3,000.00 / month*

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

*Centerra / Hartville Hardware (Gas)- in house account – limit \$3,000.00 / month*

*PNC Giant Eagle*

<i>Christine Bacon (4812)</i>	<i>Duane Bidlack (4770)</i>	<i>Jessica Boalt (4770)</i>
<i>Deana Catucci (4770)</i>	<i>Reba Dykes (4770)</i>	<i>Nathan Gorton (4770)</i>
<i>Hannah Heinz (4770)</i>	<i>Virginia Lester (4770)</i>	<i>Sandy McLeod (4770)</i>
<i>Jeanne Molzon (4770)</i>	<i>Becky O'Reilly (4770)</i>	<i>Jacci Pavlick (4812)</i>
<i>Ellie Rickard (4770)</i>	<i>Karen Stone (4770)</i>	<i>Cathie Wells (4812)</i>
<i>Melissa Wheeler (4770)</i>	<i>Vicki Zanella (4812)</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>
<i>Melissa Wheeler</i>	<i>Kim Yonisik</i>	<i>Vicki Zanella</i>

**Board of Commissioners for the Building Department**

*Geauga Credit Union Visa – [REDACTED]-9638*

*Issued in the name of the Building Department*

*Card Limit \$3,000.00*

*Daily Spending - \$1,500.00*

*Monthly Spending - \$3,000.00*

*Single Transaction Limit - \$3,000.00*

*Daily Transaction Limit – 5*

*Monthly Transaction Limit - 20*

*Dan Spada*

*Michael Davet*

*Doreen Eppich*

**Board of Commissioners for the Community & Economic Development**

*Geauga Credit Union Visa – [REDACTED]-7431*

*Issued in the name of Community Economic Development*

*Card 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*

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Gina Hofstetter  
Elaine Malkamaki

**Commissioner's Office**

Geauga Credit Union Visa – [REDACTED]-8127  
Issued in the name of Board of Commissioners  
Card limit - \$4,000.00 (4 cards)  
Daily Spending Limit - \$4,000.00  
Monthly Spending Limit - \$4,000.00  
Daily Number Transactions – 10  
Monthly Number Transactions - 50

James W. Dvorak	Ralph Spidalieri	Carolyn Brakey	<del>Gerard Morgan</del>
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 – [REDACTED]-4085  
Geauga Credit Union Visa – [REDACTED]-9257  
Issued in the name of Department of Emergency Services  
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 Job and Family Services**

Geauga Credit Union Visa – [REDACTED]-7251  
\$7,500.00 / month  
PNC Giant Eagle Visa – [REDACTED]-9680  
\$1,000.00 / month  
(Capital One) Walmart Community Card – ([REDACTED]-3742  
\$3,000.00 / month  
Wright Express (WEX) Fleet – [REDACTED]-5  
\$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)	
Allie Hulsmann	Molly Johnson	Alex Koppel	
Melanie Lacy (Becker)	Heather Martin	Jodi Miller	Kristina Miller
Michelle Moore	Cheryl Morgan	Megan Morton	Faith Peters
Caryn Radcliff	John Roberts	Robin Schwed	Julie Seline (Dwyer)

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*Amy Tressler*

*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</i>
<i>Dowling (Bourdeau)</i>	<i>Amy Fazi (Buresch)</i>	<i>Todd Foreman</i>	<i>Misty</i>
<i>Gotham 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*

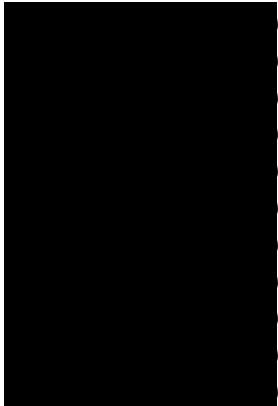
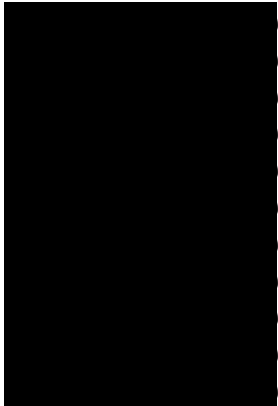
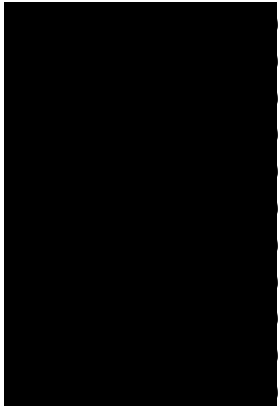
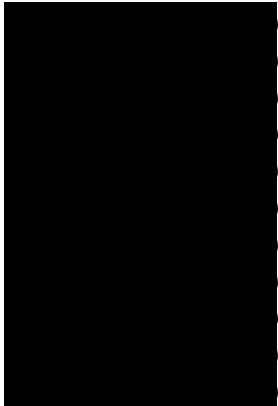
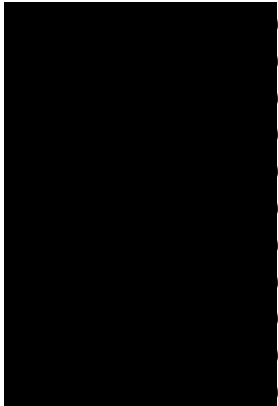
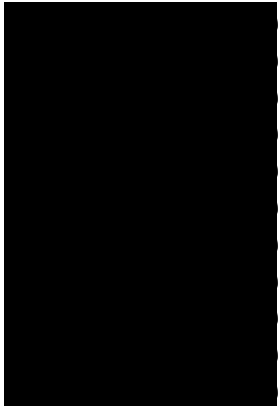
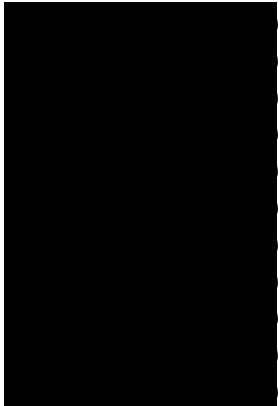
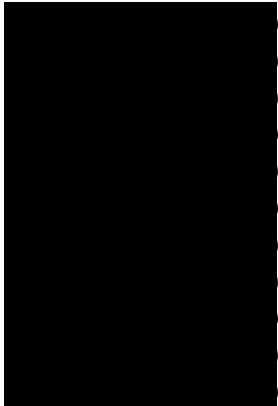
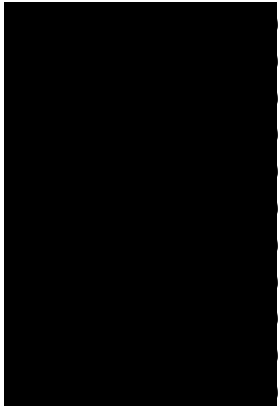
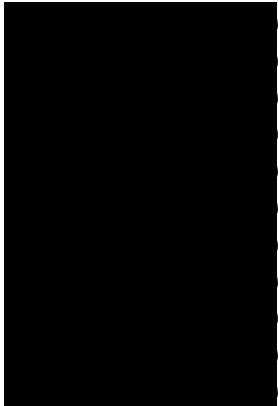
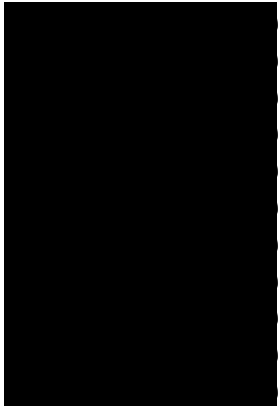
*Daily Spending Per Card – Not to exceed monthly limit*

*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>0007</i>
<i>Rik Wareham</i>	<i>\$5,000.00</i>		<i>0009</i>
<i>Matt Sieracki</i>	<i>\$5,000.00</i>		<i>0036</i>
<i>Kevin Borsi</i>	<i>\$1,000.00</i>		<i>0034</i>
<i>Ken Kovach</i>	<i>\$1,000.00</i>		<i>0029</i>
<i>Connor Loza</i>	<i>\$1,000.00</i>		<i>0028</i>
<i>John Ludlow</i>	<i>\$1,000.00</i>		<i>0024</i>
<i>Gary Merker</i>	<i>\$1,000.00</i>		<i>0035</i>
<i>Josh Burton (Aging)</i>	<i>\$1,000.00</i>		<i>0019</i>
<i>Kevin Cunningham (Aging)</i>	<i>\$1,000.00</i>		<i>0000</i>
<i>Shaun Strand (Aging)</i>	<i>\$1,000.00</i>		<i>0037</i>

***Board of Commissioners for the Department of Water Resources***

*Geauga Credit Union Visa (4 cards) –  8232*

*Issued in 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*

*Daily Number Transactions – 10*

*Monthly Number Transactions – 50*

*Nicholas J. Gorris, P.E. -  0015*

*David Osborn II -  0006*

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Ray Farinacci - [REDACTED] 0007  
Karen Peterson - [REDACTED] 0009  
Dana Cavallaro - [REDACTED] 0011  
Brian Cain - [REDACTED] 0013  
Shawn Maruna - [REDACTED] 0012  
Robert Carter - [REDACTED] 0016

*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 – [REDACTED] 8125*

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – APPLICATION FOR THE USE OF COUNTY CREDIT CARDS FORM – BUILDING AND COMMON PLEAS COURT – YEAR 2025

*Ms. Blair asked the Board to approve the application for use of county credit cards forms for the Building Department and Common Pleas Court.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Brakey, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Application for the use of County Credit Cards Form for the Building Department and the Common Pleas Court, for the Year 2025, pursuant to O.R.C. 301.27.*

*Roll Call Vote:*

<i>Commissioner Spidalieri</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Commissioner Brakey</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Commissioner Dvorak</i>	<i>Aye</i>

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – CERTIFICATION REQUEST TO COUNTY AUDITOR, BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS QUARTERLY USE OF COUNTY CREDIT CARDS – BUILDING – (QUARTERS 1, 2, 3 AND 4) PROBATE JUVENILE COURT – (QUARTER 1

*Ms. Blair asked the Board to approve the certification requests for quarterly use, for the Building Department and the Probate / Juvenile Court, first quarter.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Brakey to approve and execute the Certification Request to County Auditor, Request to Board of Commissioners Quarterly Use of County Credit Cards, pursuant to O.R.C. 301.27 for the Year 2025 (Quarters 1, 2, 3 and 4) for the Building Department and the Probate/ Juvenile Court (Quarter 1).*

*Roll Call Vote:*

<i>Commissioner Spidalieri</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Commissioner Brakey</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Commissioner Dvorak</i>	<i>Aye</i>

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – APPOINT GINA HOFSTETTER, MATT SMITH AND ADRIAN GORTON – TAX INCENTIVE REVIEW COMMITTEE – VILLAGE OF MIDDLEFIELD

*Ms. Blair explained that the Board together needed to appoint three members to the Village of Middlefield Tax Incentive Review Committee (TIRC) for their CRA Zone. After a brief discussion the Board chose to appoint Gina Hofstetter, Matt Smith and Adrian Gorton.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Brakey, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to appoint Gina Hofstetter, Matt Smith, and Adrian Gorton to the Tax Incentive Review Committee for the Village of Middlefield newly created CRA zone for a three-year term, ending December 31, 2027.*

*Roll Call Vote:*

<i>Commissioner Spidalieri</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Commissioner Brakey</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Commissioner Dvorak</i>	<i>Aye</i>

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PLANNING COMMISSION – ALTERNATE APPOINTMENTS

*Commissioner Dvorak appointed Dave Fabig to serve as his Alternate for Planning Commission for the Year 2025.*

*Mr. Dvorak noted that Mr. Fabig comes with experience from Newbury and knows planning and zoning.*

*Commissioner Brakey appointed Dane Davis to serve as her Alternate for Planning Commission for the Year 2025.*

*Commissioner Spidalieri appointed Skip Claypool to serve as his Alternate for Planning Commission for the Year 2025.*

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – EXECUTIVE SESSION

*Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Brakey to move into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the employment and compensation of a public employee, pursuant to O.R.C. 121.22 (G)(1).*

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

*The Board moved into Executive Session at 10:15 a.m. with Ms. Burhenne and Human Resources Administrator Kathy Hostutler. The Board returned at 10:49 a.m. and no action was taken.*

BOARD DISCUSSION

*Courthouse Shower Change Order:*

*Ms. Burhenne explained that last week when this was brought up the Board asked for additional information and when she attended the Courthouse meeting, that an alternate option was brought up that was much less expensive that takes an existing space in the basement as a unisex bathroom and one as a unisex shower. There are no exact numbers right now, but it will still be a change order but a larger cost option. Ms. Brakey expressed that she still wants to see the numbers. Mr. Dvorak added that he had met with Mr. Vernick at the Courthouse to look at the shower request and thought this might be an alternate option, but that he wants to see what the cost of this option will be.*

*Additional Wiring for Court Technology Change Order – Courthouse:*

*Ms. Burhenne explained that another change order that came up this week has to do with Court IT, and what she learned is that there will be three IT closets, one on each floor that will be daisy chained together and Court IT was given a recommendation by a consultant to add an extra line that went from the top to the bottom for redundancy and the cost to that will be about \$9,000.00. Ms. Brakey asked for additional information.*

*Airport Funding Negotiations:*

*Ms. Burhenne explained that last week we discussed the \$1.33 Million that the Board decided to provide in December to the Airport. Mr. Dvorak stated that he wanted to go and negotiate with the Airport Authority on that funding. Ms. Burhenne provided an outline of her understanding of what was discussed, and that included to execute an agreement between the Commissioners and the Airport Authority to build a T-Hangar and place the \$1.33 million into the airport construction fund that is controlled by the Commissioners; that the Commissioners will manage the bid process, but the airport would select the contractor; and that the Commissioners would pay the bills on the project and provide prevailing wage management until about the beginning of October when the airport would receive the FAA grant funding. At that time the airport would begin to pay the remaining bills with FAA funds until the T-Hangar is complete. Ms. Burhenne expressed that the remaining funds from the \$1.33 million will remain in the airport construction fund and be available for the airport to use for additional projects that they want to complete.*

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

- a) *A weekly report filed by the County Dog Warden of all dogs seized, impounded, redeemed or destroyed for the week ending January 29, 2025, as required by O.R.C. 955.12.*

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- b) *The Monthly Inventory Report, Consolidated Investment Portfolio and Obligations and Securities monthly reports filed by the Treasurer's Office for Geauga County for the Month of January 2025, pursuant to ORC 135.35(L).*

OTHER

*The Board reviewed upcoming events.*

MEETINGS

- Tue., 2/11 Planning Commission, 7:30 a.m. County Office Building, 12611 Ravenwood Drive, Room A334*
- Tue. 2/11 Geauga Trumbull Solid Waste Management District Board meeting, 2:00 p.m. Warren, District Office*
- Fri., 2/14 NOACA Standing Committees: Finance & Audit 8:30 a.m., Governance 10:00 a.m., Executive 11:30 a.m., Cleveland*
- Mon., 2/17 **County offices will be closed for general business due to the President's Day holiday. Twenty-four-hour operations will continue to operate as usual.***
- Thu., 2/20 The Commissioners will hold session at 9:30 a.m.*
- Fri., 2/21 NOACA Advisory Councils: Transit 9:00 a.m., Bicycle & Pedestrian 10:30 a.m., Safety and Operations 1:00 p.m., Cleveland*
- Mon – Wed 2/24 – 2/26 - New Commissioner Training, Columbus*
- Mon., 2/24 Family First Council, 1:30 p.m. County Office Building, Room B167/168, Chardon*
- Tue., 2/25 The Commissioners will hold session at 9:30 a.m.*
- Wed., 2/26 Board of Revision, Auditor's Appraisal Conference Room*

PUBLIC COMMENT

*Gail Roussey, Observer for the League of Women Voter's asked why the Board chose today to appoint alternates for themselves on the Planning Commission. Mr. Dvorak noted that the Board has always had the option to appoint an alternate for themselves and today they chose to do it.*

*Anastashia Nicholas, Chagrin Valley Times asked what initiated that. Mr. Dvorak explained that for himself, it's because he has additional commitments from committees now that clears his plate a little, and choosing someone with experience is a plus for him.*

*Local resident Joe Otto, from Munson Township asked if the alternate has the same voting rights, to which Mr. Dvorak stated that they would.*

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***BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD***

*Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Brakey to adjourn the meeting at 10:58 a.m.*

*Geauga County Board of Commissioners*

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*James W. Dvorak*

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*Carolyn Brakey, Esq.*

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*Ralph Spidalieri*

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*Christine Blair, Commissioners' Clerk*

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