

Commissioners' Journal
March 25, 2025

The Geauga County Board of Commissioners met in session on March 25, 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 Brakey was absent from today's meeting.*

Commissioner Dvorak read the following prayer:

"A basketball player's "prayer"

God, thank you for this game I love and for the strength to play it.

I need my coaches, teammates and opponents. although I may not say it.

Please keep me safe from injury as on the court I go.

Give me Grace in defeat and victory, and your matchless love to show

Bless all who helped invest in me, whose wisdom helped me grow.

I know it's just a game dear Lord, but how I love it so.

In Jesus name, Amen

FINANCIALS

Acting County Administrator Linda Burhenne reported on financials from March 18, 2025, Resolution #25-050, included a Formal Contract Purchase Order from the Commissioners to Title Professionals Group for the purchase of parcel numbers 10-143900 and 10-085350 in accordance with Board Resolution #25-049 and March 21, 2025, Resolution #25-051 that included a payment of \$5,000.00 from the Commissioners Office to Title Professionals Group, LTD for earnest money related to the purchase of PPN 10-143900 and 10-085350.

Acting County Administrator approved the financials from March 6, 2025 pursuant to Resolution #25-004 approved January 7, 2025 to authorize the County Administrator to execute, in the case of a lack of quorum of Commissioners and / or if session is cancelled on a regular financial day or on a day when financials need to be approved, the required approvals for county financials on behalf of the Board during the Year 2025, as authorized by O.R.C. 305.30.

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE - COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Acting County Administrator Linda Burhenne reported on the items approved, as authorized by Resolution #25-004 under the direction and supervision of the County Commissioners that was approved January 7, 2025, pursuant to O.R.C. 305.30.

March 21, 2025

Department on Aging:

Accepted the resignation of Kevin Cunningham, Maintenance Coordinator to be effective March 28, 2025.

Granted permission to advertise for the position of Maintenance Coordinator (#1013). This position will remain posted until filled.

Approved an unpaid personal leave of absence for Christopher Mackar, Recreation and Education Assistant, for twenty-four hours (3 days) during the period March 26, 2025 through March 28, 2025. This will extend his probationary period by twenty-four hours (3 days).

March 24, 2025

Accepted the resignation of Matthew Sieracki, Contract Coordinator (#1924) to be effective April 11, 2025.

Granted permission to advertise for the position of Contract Coordinator (#1924). This position will remain posted until filled.

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APPROVE FINANCIALS

Budget and Finance Manager Adrian Gorton explained the financials for today as including a Then and Now Encumbrance from the Commissioners' Office to Hinton Law Incorporated for appointed counsel fees from 2023 that were not previously encumbered; Purchase Order from the Commissioners' Office to the County Agricultural Society Fund for the construction of a new poultry barn and sale barn; Travel requests for the Common Pleas Court Technology and from the Department of Emergency Services; a Purchase Order from Water Resources to Junction Auto Sales, Incorporated for the purchase of a replacement operator truck. The truck this is replacing is a 2015 GMC Sierra 2500 w/ 154K miles which will go to auction. A payment from ADP to Zeroeyes Incorporated for the firearm detection system renewal in the amount of \$49,875.00 and a payment from the Commissioners' Office to Motorola Solutions, Incorporated for eight portable radios for the Dog Warden and Emergency Services in the amount of \$24,115.52.

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute Resolution #25-052 itemizing the financials for the meeting of March 25, 2025.

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

COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE – RESCIND MOTION FROM DECEMBER 27, 2024 –
RELEASE OF MAINTENANCE AND PAVING GUARANTEES – APPROVE RELEASE OF
HUNTING VALLEY PRESERVE SUBDIVISION PAVING BOND AND MAINTENANCE BOND

Deputy Engineer Traci Salkiewicz asked the Board to rescind the motion from December 2024 that released the maintenance and paving guarantees. Ms. Salkiewicz explained that the bonds were released in the new owner's name, however the bond was still registered to the original owner of record, so we are further requesting the Board to release the bonds to the owner of record, County Line estates.

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to rescind the motion from December 27, 2024, that read: approve the release of the Maintenance (\$50,000.00) and Paving (\$45,000.00) Guarantees being held for the Hunting Valley Preserve Subdivision in Chester Township as the owner of record, NCR Ventures, (owner Rick Doody) has performed all pavement and maintenance guarantee work as required. (Hunting Ridge was accepted for snow and ice control by Chester Township on December 19, 2017.

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

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve the release of the Hunting Valley Preserve Subdivision Paving Bond and Maintenance Bond to the Owner of Record, County Line Estates, LLC.

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

COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE – AWARD BID – GRADE LINE, INCORPORATED –
REPLACEMENT OF CULVERTS ON VARIOUS ROADS IN MUNSON TOWNSHIP

Ms. Salkiewicz asked the Board to award the bid to Grade Line Incorporated for the replacement of culverts on various roads in Munson Township.

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to award the Bid to Grade Line, Incorporated for the Replacement of Culverts on Various Roads in Munson Township in the amount of \$195,521.15 as they represented the lowest and best bid. The Bid Bond submitted shall be held to serve as the Performance Bond for this project.

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

DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES – RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING APRIL 2025 AS CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

Director Craig Swenson and Social Services Director Gina Schultz came before the Board to request the board to recognize April 2025 as Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention month. Commissioner Spidalieri asked if this was related to the pinwheels. Mr. Swenson replied that Junction is once again supporting Job and Family Services and allowing them to put the pinwheels on the hill at 44 and 322. Ms. Schultz explained that there will be 329 pinwheels this year, for investigations that were completed in 2024. Ms. Schultz explained that they have been working with staff and the community about getting the word out about reporting, and are still working to meet the needs of the community. Ms. Schultz explained that in comparison to other counties, they work to keep the custody numbers low, but work with other resources to make sure the kids get what they need and keep custody with parents. If placement is needed, they work with Family First and Ohio Rise. Ms. Schultz noted that they had a great review last year from the State and have been asked to participate in a federal review, and so far, two parts have been completed and gone very well. The next piece is the placement piece. Mr. Swenson explained that it is like a financial audit but of the work that the social services have done, their records and responses. Mr. Swenson noted that the State of Ohio is in a placement crisis, and Geauga in many ways are an anomaly, but that is a good thing, we only want to intervene and take custody of children from parents when we absolutely have to. If we can work with the parents and keep the child in the home but address any concerns that there are, it's a good thing. Mr. Swenson expressed that they don't want their custody numbers higher, because that means there is government intervention and takes rights away from parents. Mr. Swenson explained that being able to work with families to keep the child in the home is the least restrictive and the least traumatic for the child. Mr. Swenson noted that what they are seeing in the state, some kids are sleeping at Job and Family Services buildings because they can't find placement for them. The cost of residential facilities is extremely high and there aren't enough of them. Mr. Swenson continued to note that having a Youth Center, and working on building a new one, is much cheaper and we are very blessed to have the staff, the resources and team that we have, as we are bucking the trend in Ohio.

Ms. Schultz reminded the Board about the kickoff reception on April 7th from 11-12 p.m. will include light refreshments and someone to talk about their experience. Ms. Schultz asked the Board to wear blue on Wednesday, April 9th.

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute Resolution #25-053 Recognizing April 2025 as Child Abuse Prevention Month.

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Resolution: 25-053
Date: March 25, 2025

**RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING APRIL 2025 AS
CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH**

WHEREAS, We know that our children are our future and that it will someday fall to them to shape our community, our nation, and the world for all future generations; and

WHEREAS, As a community Geauga County values the importance of providing a safe and supportive environment in which families can nature, love, and parent their children; and

WHEREAS, Children who are loved and nurtured grow to love and nurture others and to provide the love and care bestowed upon them to their children, their family, and their community; and

WHEREAS, While as a community we are blessed to have many wonderful, nurturing families we must recognize that Geauga County is not immune from the reality that some children in our county endure abuse and neglect; and

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WHEREAS, As a caring community we must not only respond to stop abuse and neglect where it exists, we must also be diligent in our efforts to prevent child abuse and neglect and ensure that our community is aware of its role in recognizing and preventing child abuse and neglect.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Geauga County Board of County Commissioners recognize April 2025 as Child Abuse Prevention Month in Geauga County.

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



DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – CONTRACT AGREEMENT – SHOOK CONSTRUCTION COMPANY – MCFARLAND CREEK WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT UPGRADE AND RENOVATION PROJECT

Director Nicholas Gorris asked the Board to execute the Contract with Shook Construction Company for the McFarland Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade project. Mr. Gorris explained that after today, they will issue a notice to proceed and hit the ground running. It has been quite a few years to get this under construction and he looks forward to getting the project completed.

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute the Contract Agreement with Shook Construction Company for the McFarland Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade and Renovation Project in the amount of \$30,824,400.00. The Bid Bond submitted shall be held to serve as the Performance Bond for this project.

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

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DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – CERTIFIED LIST OF GOVERNING BODY AND CONTACT PERSONS – USDA REPORTING REQUIREMENT

Mr. Gorris explained that this is part of the annual documentation required as part of the loans.

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Certified List of Governing Body and Contact Persons Regarding the Facility and Financial Information regarding the USDA Annual Reporting Requirements.

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

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – SERVICE CONTRACT AGREEMENT – RICE OIL AND ENVIRONMENTAL, LLC

Mr. Gorris asked the Board to approve the service contract for Rice Oil and Environmental for the oil/ water separator that covers McFarland and here at Meritt Road for the facility.

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute the service Contract Agreement with Rice Oil and Environmental, LLC to perform Oil/Water Separator cleaning services, as needed at various locations within the department, for a one-year period, effective March 25, 2025, in an amount not to exceed \$3,500.00.

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

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – AGREEMENT – HDR ENGINEERING, INCORPORATED – ENGINEERING AND CONSTRUCTION SERVICES FOR THE MCFARLAND CREEK WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT UPGRADE AND RENOVATIONS

Mr. Gorris asked the Board to approve the agreement with HDR Engineering for the McFarland Creek project, adding that they will be our representative on site full-time during the construction of the plant, along with a part-time employee to coordinate with the team running the plant. The plant must remain operational during the construction. Mr. Gorris noted that HDR did the original design, has all the knowledge and the total project is about twenty-seven months to complete.

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute the Agreement between the Geauga County Board of Commissioners and HDR Engineering, Incorporated for Engineering Services to Geauga County to perform Engineering and Construction Services for the McFarland Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade and Renovations project in the amount of \$1,195,680.00.

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

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – RESOLUTION – FIFTH AMENDED RESOLUTION APPROVING THE USE OF COUNTY CREDIT CARDS – VETERANS SERVICE COMMISSION – VISA AND INCREASE LIMIT TO QUARTERLY ON DEPARTMENT ON AGING MARC'S / MARC GLASSMAN ACCOUNT

Clerk Christine Blair explained that this is the fifth amended resolution for the use of county credit cards to include the Veterans Service Commission and changing the Department on Aging limit for Marcs to a quarterly spending limit.

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute Resolution #25-054 Fifth Amended Resolution Approving the use of County Credit Cards for the Year 2025 for the Veterans Service Commission – Visa and increasing the limit to quarterly on the Department on Aging Marc's / Marc Glassman account, Pursuant to O.R.C. 301.27.

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Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Date: March 25, 2025

Resolution: #25-054

FIFTH - AMENDED

**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE USE OF COUNTY CREDIT CARDS
FOR THE YEAR 2025 TO INCLUDE THE VETERANS SERVICE COMMISSION - VISA, AND
INCREASING THE LIMIT TO QUARTERLY ON THE DEPARTMENT ON AGING MARC'S /
MARC GLASSMAN ACCOUNT, PURSUANT TO O.R.C. 301.27**

WHEREAS, the Geauga County Board of Commissioners in Resolutions #25-005, #25-009 and #25-023, #25-040 ("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 and Common Pleas -Drug Court and Probation Department, Probate/ Juvenile Court, County Engineer's Office, 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 fifth amendment the Board desires to further amend the Resolution to add the Veteran's Service Commission for a Geauga Credit Union Visa, and desires to increase the Department on Aging Marc's / Marc Glassman account limit to quarterly; and

WHEREAS, the Board, pursuant to O.R.C.301.27, requires all Agencies at the beginning of each quarter to submit estimates of work-related expenses expected to be purchased using the credit cards 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 Agencies designated in the Fifth Amended Exhibit A attached hereto 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.

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

**COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – APPLICATION FOR USE OF COUNTY CREDIT CARDS –
VETERANS SERVICE COMMISSION**

Ms. Blair asked the Board to approve the application for use for the Veterans Service Commission, which gets the authorized users' signatures on file at the Auditor's office.

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Application for the use of County Credit Cards Form for the Veterans Service Commission, for the Year 2025, pursuant to O.R.C. 301.27.

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

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COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – CERTIFICATION REQUEST TO COUNTY AUDITOR, REQUEST TO BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS QUARTERLY USE OF COUNTY CREDIT CARDS – DEPARTMENT ON AGING – MARC'S / MARC GLASSMAN

Ms. Blair asked the Board to execute the certification request of quarterly use to adjust the change in limit for the Department on Aging's Marc's account.

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak 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 Department on Aging, Marc's / Marc Glassman account.

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

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – REQUEST FOR PARTIAL PAYMENT #18 – INFINITY CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, INCORPORATED – COURTHOUSE EXPANSION GMP #1 AND #2

Ms. Burhenne asked the Board to approve the request for partial payment #18 for Infinity Construction for the Courthouse Expansion project.

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Request for Partial Payment #18 for Infinity Construction Company, Incorporated for the Geauga County Courthouse Expansion GMP #1 and #2 expenses in the amount of \$805,884.64.

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

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – DESIGNATE COMMISSIONER JAMES W. DVORAK AND MEGAN ERICKSON (ALTERNATE) AS VOTING REPRESENTATIVE AT CEBCO ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Ms. Burhenne asked the Board to approve the designation of Mr. Dvorak as voting representative and Ms. Erickson as alternate for the CEBCO annual meeting on Friday, April 4.

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to designate Commissioner, James W. Dvorak as voting representative (Alternate, Megan Erickson) at the CEBCO Annual Membership Meeting, on Friday, April 4, 2025.

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

BOARD DISCUSSION

Consideration of Infinity Change Order Request #016:

Ms. Burhenne expressed that this had been discussed a few times, but that she needs a direction from the Board on the Infinity change order request 016. Ms. Burhenne stated that since the last time, there was an ADP Board meeting held to discuss the items, thanking Judge Paschke for attending, and that a great amount of the IT items for the courthouse construction had been approved. Ms. Burhenne has reached out to Mr. Antenucci about the remaining items and how they need to be approved. It was noted that this change order can be approved pending ADP approval on the remaining items. Ms. Burhenne briefly went over the changes that include the intercom system for the secure parking lot gate, a few data drops, and some cabinetry changes that are for printing stations that require dedicated circuits and electricity. Ms. Burhenne sensed that a lot of these things had indication that they were going to be approved a long time ago, last year, and many of these projects have already begun and things have been ordered and respectfully requests that the Board approve the change order. Ms. Burhenne stated that she has been keeping an eye on the project, providing information to the Board weekly as it comes forth. There will be a change order coming that will be a decrease, money coming back from some

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equipment that isn't going to be needed. Ms. Burhenne asked the Board to approve change order request #016 as submitted, pending ADP approval on remaining items.

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve the Infinity Change Order Request #016 in the amount of \$50,791.00.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Patty Fulop, Middlefield resident, explained that based on a recent newspaper article on March 13, which requested public scrutiny on the airport T-hangar project, and she wanted to make clear some things that were misunderstood. Ms. Fulop wants to help Ms. Brakey understand the workings of government grants for Airports. Ms. Fulop stated that she wanted to address two statements. The first was from Mr. Spidalieri when he said the Commissioners had failed the airport, expressing that he was absolutely correct. The Board of Commissioners became co-sponsor of the airport back in 1993 and to date have not really made a substantial investment in the airport. We all would like to see airports become something that is self-sustaining, but to do that, the airport needs additional income streams. Building the T-hangar would in fact give them the income stream to help them become self-sustaining.

Mr. Spidalieri replied that over the years things would continuously be shot down or diverted and that is why the conditions are the way they are at the airport, because they didn't make good concessions over the last twenty years and everyone else around us did. When you look at the surrounding airports, they did and they are seeing the return, citing Lost Nation Airport and the improvements that they made. Mr. Spidalieri added that people often say the airport doesn't impact them and it's not important, but we need to look at it as what does it do for everyone. Ms. Fulop responded regarding economic development for an airport that the airport is the offramp to the highway to the skies, and if you don't have an offramp in your county, you are missing all kinds of opportunities. The grant on the table could be lost on April 28. The process to use the bi-partisan infrastructure funds is that it can only be used for what is approved by the FAA. That was approved last September. The airport would have to go through an entire process, and they don't have time. Ms. Fulop briefly described the process of getting the approval, which includes pre-application to the FAA for the project, obtain an engineer to do the plans and specs, then go out to bid, and submit a final application. You can't cram that into the next few weeks, there is no time. It's urgent.

Howard Newell, South Russell Village stated that this weekend is Vietnam Veterans recognition day and asked those to remember our Vietnam Vets, as thanks to them we have a lot to be thankful for. Mr. Newell expressed his opinion that we will get the airport situation taken care of next week. Both Mr. Dvorak and Mr. Spidalieri expressed that they hoped so.

Ohio Field Representative Nick Bundren who works for a non-profit, the Land and Liberty Coalition, whose mission is to build support for renewable energy across the state, introduced himself. They are on an 88-county tour in hopes of building support, but today he was just here to introduce himself and come back another time to go over a list of questions.

Anastasia Nicholas, Chagrin Valley Times, asked a question for Ms. Fulop about the airport not receiving substantial funding and asked her to explain that. Ms. Fulop stated that she hasn't been at the airport for the last five years, so she can only speak to the fifteen years she was there, and that under an agreement with the County each year the airport receives about \$150,000.00 and the county has to provide up to \$25,000.00 as a local match. If you take the number of residents and divide it by the amount of funding provided to the airport, it's about 27 cents a resident. This airport needs to be supported by the organization that agreed to support it back in 1993.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

- a) A weekly report filed by the County Dog Warden of all dogs seized, impounded, redeemed or destroyed for the week ending March 12, 2025, and March 19, 2025, as required by O.R.C. 955.12.*

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OTHER

The Board reviewed upcoming events.

MEETINGS

- Tue., 3/25 Investment Advisory Committee, 9:00 a.m. 12611 Ravenwood Drive, County Office Building, Room B303*
- Wed., 3/26 Board of Revision, 9:00 a.m. Auditor's Appraisal Conference Room*
- Tue., 4/1 The Commissioners will hold session at 9:30 a.m., that will include a meeting at 9:45 a.m. of the Statutory Group, consisting of the Commissioners, Sheriff, Judge of the Common Pleas Court, Judge of the Probate Court and Clerk of Courts, pursuant to O.R.C. 153.36 for the review and approval of plans, drawings, representations, bills of material, specifications of work and estimates of the cost thereof in detail and in the aggregate for the proposed Geauga County Safety Center Visitation Room Alterations.*
- Tue., 4/8 The Commissioners will hold session at 9:30 a.m., includes a Public Hearing at 9:45 a.m. for the Proposed Vacation of Public Right of Way upon Sandhill Trail (TR-0753) in Munson Township.*
- Wed., 4/9 Board of Revision, 9:00 a.m. Auditor's Appraisal Conference Room*
- Wed. 4/9 Geauga County Township Association Dinner meeting, 6:00 p.m. Munson Town Hall*
- Tue., 4/15 The Commissioners will hold session at 9:30 a.m.*

BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD

Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to adjourn the meeting at 10:08 a.m.

Geauga County Board of Commissioners

James W. Dvorak

Carolyn Brakey, Esq.

Ralph Spidalieri

Christine Blair, Commissioners' Clerk

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