

**Commissioners' Journal**  
**April 1, 2025**

*The Geauga County Board of Commissioners met in session on April 1, 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.*

*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:*

*Mighty Lord,*

*Bless us in this month of April.*

*I pray that happiness be at your door, may it knock early, stay late and leave the gift of God's Peace, Joy and Good Health behind.*

*Amen*

**MEETING MINUTES**

*Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Brakey to approve and execute the minutes for the meeting of March 18, 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 Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Brakey to approve and execute the minutes for the work session of March 18, 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**

*Budget and Finance Manager Adrian Gorton explained the financials for today as including Supplemental appropriation request from the Treasurer's Office in their General Fund repair services account for the replacement of two laptop computers in their office; Cash transfer from the Commissioners' Office to the unemployment rotary fund; Cash transfer from the Juvenile Court General Fund contract services account to the Care and Custody Fund for the reimbursement of a grant that paid a portion of a drug testing bill that should have been paid by the General Fund; Cash transfer from the General Fund to Community Development for their first quarter 2025 payroll funding reimbursement and second quarter operational commitment for 2025 less the \$15,000.00 advance from December; Cash transfer from the General Fund to Soil and Water for their 2025 local match funding request; Travel requests for the Common Pleas Court Technology, County Engineer, and Public Defender; a Then and Now from the Common Pleas Court to Stepmobile LLC for kiosk license and support payments from 2024 that were not previously encumbered; Formal contract purchase order from Job and Family Services to Preston Ford for a new 2025 Ford Escape replacement vehicle, replacing a 2014 Jeep Patriot which will be auctioned; a payment of \$20,500.00 from ADP to Mike Kichka, Finishing Edge Incorporated for a used 2022 Hyundai Santa Cruz replacement vehicle for Archives replacing a 2011 Chevy Impala and a 2013 Jeep Patriot that were traded in for \$1,000 each; a payment from the Commissioners' Office to Infinity Construction Company for pay request #18 of the Courthouse Expansion Project in the amount of \$805,884.64; and a payment from the Commissioners' Office to the Geauga County Agricultural Society Fund for the construction of a new poultry barn and sale barn in the amount of \$750,000.00.*

*Commissioner Brakey asked for information on the local match funding request to Soil and Water. Mr. Gorton replied that this amount is determined during the Budget Hearing, adding that they receive a certain percentage of funding from the State, and that amount determines what the County funding request amount will be.*

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*Motion: by Commissioner Brakey, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute Resolution #25-055 itemizing the financials for the meeting of April 1, 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>

**COMMON PLEAS COURT / NEW LEAF PROGRAM – RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE COUNTY AUDITOR TO ESTABLISH A NEW FUND – ONEOHIO FOUNDATION FUND**

*Mr. Gorton explained that a request was received from the Common Pleas Court to establish a new fund. Ms. Brakey asked if this was recommended by the Auditor's Office or if this is standard practice. Mr. Gorton replied that this is standard practice for setting up a new account and that State requested them to account for the funds separately from everything else.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Brakey, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute Resolution #25-056 Requesting the County Auditor to Establish a New Fund called the OneOhio Foundation Fund for awarded grant funding and to properly account for salary, contract services, materials and supplies and other necessary items.*

*Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio*

*Date: April 1, 2025*

*Resolution: #25-056*

**RESOLUTION REQUESTING TO ESTABLISH A NEW FUND**

*WHEREAS, the Geauga County Commissioners are requesting that a new fund be established for the Common Pleas Court New Leaf Program and called OneOhio Foundation Fund; and*

*WHEREAS, the establishment of this new fund is for the deposit of all monies received from the OneOhio Foundation and the fund is also for appropriate expenditure and distribution of those funds by the Common Pleas Court New Leaf Program; and*

*WHEREAS, the fund will include revenue accounts including but not limited to those which will hold State grant payment income; and*

*WHEREAS, the accounts will include standard expense accounts including but not limited to those for salary, contract services, materials and supplies and other; and*

*NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of County Commissioners does hereby request the Geauga County Auditor establish a new fund for the Common Pleas Court New Leaf Program entitled: OneOhio Foundation Fund.*

<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>

*Mr. Dvorak explained that the New Leaf program was awarded \$90,000.00 for a three-year period from the One Ohio Foundation which will be used mainly for drug testing for the participants in the drug court class. This is part of the first wave of funding for Region 13. Ms. Brakey asked if there were other projects in Geauga that were funded through the One Ohio Program. Mr. Dvorak expressed that they would be doing a press release that will have more details, but the other recipient is Lake Geauga Recovery Services for the purchase of a new recovery house in Geauga County.*

**COMMON PLEAS COURT – APPROVE SUBMISSION OF A CREDIT CARD APPLICATION – GEAUGA CREDIT UNION – VISA CARD**

*Clerk Christine Blair explained that the Common Pleas Court Technology (IT) is requesting they submit an application for a credit card to the Geauga Credit Union for three cards with a credit limit of \$6,000.00.*

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*Motion: by Commissioner Brakey, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve the submission of a credit card application to the Geauga Credit Union for a VISA card with a credit line of \$6,000.00 and three (3) cards that will be used for allowable expenses under the O.R.C.*

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

*MAINTENANCE – CONTRACT AGREEMENT – NORTH BAY CONSTRUCTION COMPANY – DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES GENERATOR UPGRADE PROJECT*

*Contract Coordinator Matt Sieracki asked the Board to approve the contract with North Bay Construction for the Department of Emergency Services Generator upgrade.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Brakey, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute the Contract Agreement with North Bay Construction Company for the Department of Emergency Services Generator Upgrade Project in the amount of \$246,645.00. The Bid Bond submitted shall be held to serve as the Performance Bond for this project.*

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

*MAINTENANCE – AGREEMENT – PROFESSIONAL DESIGN SERVICES – TEC, INCORPORATED – WEST GEAUGA SENIOR CENTER CONDENSER UNIT AND CHILLER UPGRADES*

*Project Manager Charles Tkach asked the Board to approve the agreement for professional design services with Tec Incorporated for replacing the condenser and chiller components at the West Geauga Senior Center. Ms. Brakey asked what the estimated cost of the full project will be. Mr. Tkach replied that they are looking at the \$150,000.00 range, but due to recent rule changes from the EPA, it may require additional components and monitoring.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Brakey, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute the Agreement for Professional Design Services with Tec Incorporated to provide professional design and contract administration services related to replacing the existing condenser unit and upgrading chiller components as required to comply with current building codes and EPA regulations at the West Geauga Senior Center for the period April 1, 2025 through February 28, 2026 in an amount not to exceed \$19,500.00.*

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

*DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – SERVICE CONTRACT AGREEMENT – PERKINELMER U.S., LLC*

*Director Nichola Gorris asked the Board to approve the service contract agreement with PerkinElmer U.S. LLC for maintenance and repairs on the ICP machine, that is used to break down water and sewer samples. Ms. Brakey noted that the contract included a quote for \$5,500.00, but the request is for \$12,000.00. Mr. Gorris explained that the remainder of the contract will cover parts if any repairs may be needed.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Brakey, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute the service Contract Agreement with PerkinElmer U.S. LLC to perform preventative maintenance and repairs as needed, for the Department for a one-year period, effective April 1, 2025, in an amount not to exceed \$12,000.00.*

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

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COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – CHANGE ORDER #5 – INCREASE CONTRACT – INFINITY CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, INCORPORATED – COURTHOUSE EXPANSION, GMP PHASE #2

Acting County Administrator Linda Burhenne asked the Board to approve Change Order #5 with Infinity Construction Company for the fire alarm custom audio messaging system that the Sheriff requested.

*Motion:* by Commissioner Brakey, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute Change Order #5, increasing the Contract with Infinity Construction Company, Incorporated for the Geauga County Courthouse Expansion, GMP Phase #2 for the Fire Alarm Custom Audio Messaging System in the amount of \$7,701.00.

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

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – APPROVE RE-HIRE AND APPOINTMENT OF DAN SPADA, CHIEF BUILDING OFFICIAL (#1101)

Ms. Burhenne asked the Board to approve the re-hire and appointment of Dan Spada to Chief Building Official.

*Motion:* by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Brakey to approve the re-hire and appointment of Dan Spada to the position of Chief Building Official (#1101) to be effective April 7, 2025, at the rate of \$53.14 per hour (Grade E17, Step 10).

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

STATUTORY GROUP, PURSUANT TO O.R.C. 153.36

The Maintenance Department is requesting the Statutory Group, which consists of the Board of Commissioners, the Sheriff, Probate Judge, Clerk of Courts and Judge of the Court of Common Pleas, to review and, if appropriate, approve by a majority of the Statutory Group, the current 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, as required by R.C. 153.36.

The statutory group meeting was opened at 9:45 a.m.

Project Manager Charles Tkach went over the requirements of the O.R.C. 149.433 – Infrastructure records are not a matter of public record, adding that any document that discloses the configuration of critical systems, including, but not limited to, communication, computer, electrical, mechanical, ventilation, water and plumbing systems, security codes, or the infrastructure or structural configuration of a building is considered an infrastructure record.

Present for today's meeting of the Statutory Group was Commissioner Dvorak, Commissioner Brakey, Commissioner Spidalieri, Magistrate Randy Taylor as the Common Pleas Court Representative, Sheriff Scott Hildenbrand and Clerk of Courts Sheila Bevington.

Mr. Tkach explained that the project consists of taking approximately 450 square feet of visitation rooms that included ten outdated video monitoring stations and has been replaced with three video visitation wall mounted phones. The goal of this project is to reconfigure the existing space into two separate rooms, to a reduced 86 square foot video visitation room, that is adequate to house the video phones and reconfigure the remaining 364 square feet into office space for jail operations, health and environmental specialists.

The project consists of demolition and removal of the existing ten video visitation stations and walls, structural modifications to the floor to support the installation of a new 8-inch block wall to separate the two spaces, modifications to HVAC, electrical and fire suppression, conduit, data network cabling and connection device installation, floor, wall and ceiling finishing including

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*the installation of sound absorption panels. The estimated cost of the project is \$150,700.00 for construction costs and is broken down into categories within the estimate.*

*Mr. Tkach briefly went over the construction drawings that were provided to the members of the statutory group.*

*Mr. Tkach asked if anyone had any questions. Sheriff Hildenbrand asked where the cost estimate came from, adding that some of these estimates are ridiculous, citing the cost for painting a room, electrical and telecommunication system being very valuable cabling, and that he hoped the bids would come in lower.*

*Sheriff Hildenbrand provided some background information on the project, explaining that this area of the safety center is not used and can be better suited to address the Mental Health and Addiction problems. Sheriff Hildenbrand said that these changes are one way that we can help people get better assistance and help, that this area is underused, and will be a great addition for those that need the help. Ms. Brakey asked if there are full-time staff that assist with mental health and addiction at the jail, to which Sheriff Hildenbrand replied that he does not, but Ravenwood and other agencies are there regularly to help those that need it in the jail.*

*Ms. Brakey asked about paying a building permit fee, which Mr. Tkach replied that they are included in the estimate but feel that some of those fees will be waived.*

*Following the Presentation and no further questions, the Statutory Group was asked to provide a vote on the current plans, drawings, representations, bills of material, specifications of work and estimates of the cost there of in detail and in the aggregate for the proposed Geauga County Safety Center Visitation Room Alteration, as a result the following votes were taken:*

*As required by O.R.C. 153.36 the following members of the Statutory Group met and approved the Plans, Drawings, Representation, Bills of Material, Specifications of work and estimates of the Cost thereof in Detail and in the Aggregate Required in Sections 153.31 through 153.35 relating to the Proposed Geauga County Safety Center Visitation Room Alteration:*

<i>Commissioner James W. Dvorak</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Commissioner Carolyn Brakey</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Commissioner Ralph Spidalieri</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Sheriff Scott Hildenbrand</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Clerk of Courts, Sheila Bevington</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Probate Court, Judge Timothy Grendell</i>	<i>Absent</i>
<i>Court of Common Pleas, Judge Carolyn J. Paschke</i>	
<i>- Representative, Magistrate Randy Taylor</i>	<i>Yes</i>

*Absent: Probate Court, Judge Timothy Grendell*

*Clerk Christine Blair noted that all members of the Statutory Group were invited to attend and were provided with the documents in advance of today's meeting.*

*The Statutory Group was asked to execute the document with their vote, and the meeting was concluded at 9:59 a.m.*

**DISCUSSION – AIRPORT AUTHORITY**

*Representatives from the Airport Authority and Airwolf Aerospace, LLC were present to discuss the Hangar Project and the business community side of the Airport.*

*Airport Authority President Chip Hess explained that they were there to resurrect the request for funding for the new T-Hangar. This will be an 8-unit T-hanger of \$1.33 million, with \$508,000.00, in funding from the FAA. The original intent was to take the remaining funding to improve other buildings at the airport. Mr. Hess stated that they cannot do the final application until they secure funding from the Commissioners. The project is currently out to bid in order to meet the FAA grant deadline at the end of April. If we do not do that, we lose federal funding. Mr. Dvorak asked for the amount of the FAA funding, of which it was noted it was \$586,000.00. Ms. Burhenne asked if the airport needed the extra funds in order to get the FAA funding, or does the airport get it either way. Mr. Hess replied that they cannot award the project without the funding from the county. Ms. Burhenne asked just in general and weren't doing a T-hangar,*

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would you still get the FAA funding. Mr. Hess stated that they have a pre-application in for the T-Hangar that has already been approved. Ms. Brakey asked if they provided the pre-application to the Commissioners. Mr. Hess replied, yes, that it was done in December. Ms. Brakey stated that she has not seen any documentation for this project. Mr. Hess responded that he found that hard to believe, that everything that was requested was delivered to the Commissioner's Office. Ms. Brakey responded that when a request comes before the Board, they receive documentation. Clerk Christine Blair added that unless the documents were sent directly to the Board, she personally did not receive anything regarding this project. Ms. Blair noted that the airport came before the Board to discuss the project and they were in the process of revamping some of the project specifications. Mr. Hess stated that on December 17 there was a Commissioners' meeting, and that the week prior to that, the pre-application was approved by the County Commissioners. Ms. Brakey asked Ms. Blair if that was correct. Ms. Blair replied that to her knowledge, no pre-application was approved by the Commissioners, that they came before the Board to discuss the project and approved the funding at that time. Mr. Dvorak asked if the airport had sent the information to the Prosecutor's Office about a month ago to review the grant. Mr. Hess stated that the information has been circulating since December, Mr. Dvorak. Mr. Dvorak replied that maybe the previous Administrator had received that information and provided it.

Ms. Brakey asked her fellow Commissioners if any of them had received documentation, as she has not received any documentation on this project. Mr. Spidalieri stated that Mr. Blamer had shown him drawings of the project. Mr. Hess stated that this project has been discussed well into last year. Mr. Hess provided a copy of the Engineers' estimate to Ms. Brakey. Mr. Dvorak added that he picked up a copy of what Mr. Hess just gave Ms. Brakey from Mr. Blamer a few months ago. Ms. Blair said that there was information about the project sent in an email, that also included the list of upcoming projects that the airport wanted to complete, along with an agreement. Ms. Blair added that the bid specifications were being updated and that she never received them personally. Ms. Blair added that both Mr. Spidalieri and Mr. Dvorak went to the airport and met with the airport authority to talk about the project, as it was discussed in December but I did not receive any paperwork on the project. Ms. Brakey added that she wants to see the finances for this once it is built, this is the cost to build, but what is rent going to be, what are utilities going to cost, what is the maintenance, what is the long-term going to look like, noting that the Alpha hangar is losing almost \$2,000 a year, the project is cash flow negative, so why would the Commissioners invest further money to buy a new hangar when the current hangar is losing money every year. Mr. Hess responded that long term that hangar will produce millions of dollars to revenue to the county. Ms. Brakey asked Mr. Hess to show that to her, show her those documents. Mr. Hess stated that the new hangar will be a positive cash flow of \$3,800.00 a month once the project is completed, in rental income. Mr. Hess stated that they will go back and check their communications because they have sent information to the County for this project over the last year, adding that Ms. Brakey is new and maybe information in the office should have been forwarded to you.

Ms. Blair further explained that while information was provided individually to the Board, it was not provided to me, and so therefore I do not have documentation. Mr. Dvorak apologized for not providing Ms. Brakey with a copy of the documents that he was provided. Mr. Hess stated that the issue at hand is that if they don't get money by the end of the month, an approval, they will lose federal funding. Mr. Dvorak added that he doesn't want to walk away from \$586,000 from the FAA, federal funding, and that he has enough information for himself to make a motion, that it will not be for \$1.33 million, it is a compromised motion to capture the \$586,000.00 grant from the FAA.

*Motion:* by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to create a resolution, to provide \$800,000.00 to the Airport Construction Fund, for the new T Hangar. These funds along with the FAA Infrastructure Grant Funding of \$586,000.00 would be enough to build the new T Hangar. This new T Hangar would create a profit of around \$38,000.00 a year. With both the \$800,000.00 and the \$586,000.00, there should be around \$50,000.00 or more remaining that could be used toward building improvements. The funds made from the new T-Hangar would be used for other improvements to the Buildings at the Airport.

Mr. Dvorak explained that he has thought long and hard and doesn't want to walk away from free money from the federal government, and as a commissioner they are a steward to the taxpayers' property, and wants to make improvements to not only the airport but other property

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*in the county.*

*Ms. Brakey asked for clarification that there would be no agreement between the Commissioners and the Airport, that would specify how the funds would be used. Mr. Dvorak added that the concerns could be included in the resolution, but it is based upon his motion. Mr. Spidalieri seconded the motion, with a comment. Mr. Spidalieri continued that he felt the confusion is coming from that all three commissioners were engaged with the airport authority on this project. Mr. Spidalieri briefly explained that the idea was to transfer the funds to the airport to allow them to complete the project and remaining funds would be able to be used to make other improvements at the airport. Mr. Spidalieri stated that he saw everything that was shown to him on the project, so that they felt comfortable in making that decision, and aren't sure if the \$800,000.00 is enough to make this project happen. Mr. Hess responded that is it enough to build a building, yes, it is enough to fix roofs and build on to the UH living quarters, no. Mr. Spidalieri inquired if there was percentage requirement for the match. Mr. Hess noted that they were allocated so much each year to put towards the project.*

*Ms. Brakey started by saying that she is not against the airport, she is just for the taxpayer, and everything on this meeting agenda starts with a no for her, especially if it's a spending decision, and moves to yes if she has a responsible, well supported case to be made. But here, there is no case to be made, only emotional appeals, vague assurances and zero documentation.*

*Mr. Dvorak noted that a motion was made and seconded, roll call as follows:*

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

*John Kochy, a Tenant and Business Owner at the airport, would like to say a few things. Mr. Hess stated that he is a local businessman. Mr. Kochy expressed that is on the agenda, introduced himself, noting that he is the President and owner of Airwolf Aerospace, and a resident of Middlefield. Mr. Kochy explained that he is a long-time business owner, a resident and pilot flying at the Geauga County Airport for fifty years. Starting in 1975, with one tiny little hangar, watched all the hangars get built and expressed his frustration when he heard that the Commissioners pulled the funding for the new hangar. Mr. Kochy said that there have been very little improvements at the airport in the last forty to fifty years, adding that only in the last ten years have there been any major improvements, adding that hangar repairs that should have been made years ago are still lingering. Mr. Kochy brought up a recent newspaper article and proceeded to read portions of it and express his opinion on information included by the writer of the article. Mr. Kochy expressed that he is 69 years old, proud of it and the hangar that his airplane is kept in has 4 doors that weigh 1,000 pounds each, and it takes every ounce of his strength to get the doors open to pull his plane out, and then once he gets it out, he then has to close those doors. Mr. Kochy stated that his doors are supposed to be included in the improvements at the airport.*

*Mr. Kochy said that airplanes are time machines: they allow businesspeople to travel places in a much shorter time frame, to do business and return, adding that the airlines would never allow people to do business like this. Mr. Kochy said that he was speaking on behalf of the business community and that if they want to attract more business to the county, then the Board needs to make major improvements to the airport including lengthening the runway, explaining that until it reaches 4,000 to 4,500 feet, operators of today's aircraft, small corporate jets cannot use our airport. Mr. Kochy mentioned one of his planes has propellers and those allow them to fly in and out of Geauga airport. Mr. Kochy said that Mr. Blamer told him that UH would love to have a facility to park the ambulance in, continuing to say that they need a better facility for the employees to stay in. Mr. Kochy continued to express his opinion about all the improvements that need to be made at the airport and that he feels the Commissioners should be paying for all of them, expressing the phrase "If you build it, they will come" and that the County needs to know that additional hangars will need to be built.*

*Mr. Kochy briefly explained how, as a kid, he got interested in flying, and that love for it continues with the business he has today, adding that that the airport is an asset to the county.*

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COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – EXECUTIVE SESSION

*Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to move into Executive Session for the purpose of considering the purchase of property for public purposes, if premature disclosure of information would give an unfair competitive or bargaining advantage to a person whose personal, private interest is adverse to the general public interest, pursuant to O.R.C. 121.22 (G)(2).*

<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 the Executive Session at 10:36 a.m. with Acting County Administrator Linda Burhenne. The Board returned at 10:59 a.m. and as a result, no action was taken.*

*Ms. Blair noted that the section of the ORC regarding the executive session was ORC 121.22 (G)(2).*

PUBLIC COMMENT

*Patty Fulop, from Middlefield, expressed that she came today in hopes of commending the Board on financing the needs of the airport and am thankful that they put forth a resolution to get that point. Ms. Fulop mentioned that a plan and a vision was put together for the airport that involved a lot of people, and from that came a master plan, a payout plan and what needs to happen to make those improvements. Ms. Fulop noted that the last set was signed and was done in 2013. Ms. Fulop added that the capital improvement plan gets approved every year, and the top of that list is T-hangars.*

*Skip Claypool, from Chesterland, expressed that airports are an asset and have ancillary benefits to the county. Middlefield is growing a lot right now and that airport has a lot of benefit.*

*Jot Otto, from Munson, stated that people think the airport is a balance sheet business that should show black at the bottom, adding that he is strongly in favor of improvements at the airport. However, he is seeing a lot of rambling, and he wants to see the documents that support the project; it's basic business. Mr. Otto agrees it is an asset.*

*Greg Gyllstrom, board of member of the Airport and retired CEO that spent the later half of his career in business jets, wanted to talk about the difference between Maintenance and Capital., Fixing a hole in a roof is maintenance., Today, hangars 4 and 5 are over fifty years old and both need to have the roof replaced, and at some point, the building wears out and you can't keep patching the roof.*

*Don Cunningham, from Mesopotamia but graduated from Cardinal the same year the airport was built and dedicated, and since being introduced to aeronautic mechanics in high school has been doing it since and has a love for aircraft.*

*David Tiber, from Burton, expressed that not everyone has shiny new planes, but primarily flies angel flights and is a part-time instructor for the glider club. Mr. Tiber explained that that the airport is a spawning ground for aviation careers, noting several of his students and the jobs they have now.*

*Diane Jones, from Auburn, provided some documentation to Ms. Brakey regarding the airport, and asked why, as the airport is collecting revenue from fuel sales, and with a loan from the Commissioners on the first T-hangar, more than ten years later, are they not self-sustaining?*

*Newell Howard, from South Russell Village, said that there used to be several other airports, and that now they are long gone, that he doesn't want to see that happen with this airport, that we can't afford to do this.*

*Anastasia Nicholas, Chagrin Valley Times, asked why Mr. Spidalieri just set up his county email on March 18 after twelve years of being a commissioner. Mr. Spidalieri responded that was not correct, that he has had a county email since he started as a commissioner. Ms. Nicholas asked when it was set up, to which Mr. Spidalieri stated that it was set up in 2012. Ms. Nicholas stated that according to a public record request, it was just set up on March 18<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Spidalieri stated*

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*that he had a password updated and reinstalled onto his desktop computer. Mr. Spidalieri asked her when did she request a public records request on people changing their passwords, adding that he was glad she brought this up. Mr. Spidalieri stated that every time he talks to her, she does not correctly report what he has said, so he no longer talks to her. Mr. Spidalieri continued by expressing that several times over the last couple years, former Administrator Morgan, former Commissioner Lennon and himself had his emails entered into, opening and closing emails within their email. Mr. Spidalieri stated that it is interesting to him that you are coming to me asking why I have x number of emails within my email and he is going to request an investigation with the Sheriff's Office to investigate this and you will be a witness, because whoever has been involved in this is probably who has told you this. There are sensitive emails that are attorney-client privileges. Mr. Spidalieri stated that a lot of the emails in there are junk just like your personal emails, but there are also emails that are privileged. Your statement proves that people are entering my email. Ms. Nicholas asked why he has a yahoo email that he uses. Mr. Spidalieri stated that he does have a yahoo email, and he does receive agendas on it as well, and he cannot stop people from sending him emails. Mr. Spidalieri said that Ms. Nicholas didn't just wake up one morning to request information on my county email and password being reset. Ms. Nicholas asked why Mr. Spidalieri isn't using his county email and his response is that he is, that it has been set up since he became a commissioner, and he made the choice not to engage with it due to other people entering his emails, and watched as people were opening and closing emails while he watched.*

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – APPROVE AMY BEVAN, NEW COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO ATTEND COUNTY TOWNSHIP ASSOCIATION DINNER AND ASSISTANT COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR LINDA BURHENNE

*Mr. Dvorak explained that there is a Township Association Dinner coming up and would like to approve Ms. Bevan to attend. Ms. Blair explained that when the RSVP was submitted it, it was done to include the County Administrator not knowing at the time who may be attending, and that Ms. Burhenne would if there wasn't a new County Administrator in place at that time. Mr. Spidalieri expressed that he was not against both Ms. Bevan and Ms. Burhenne attending so that she could assist with introductions.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Brakey to approve new County Administrator, Amy Bevan to attend the Geauga County Township Association dinner, along with Assistant County Administrator Linda Burhenne.*

<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>

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

- a) Board of Developmental Disabilities, Board minutes for February 19, 2025.*
- b) Ohio Environmental Protection Agency, Division of Surface Water NPDES Small MS4 General Permit Annual Report as submitted by the Soil and Water Conservation District and the Geauga County Engineer on March 17, 2025.*

OTHER

*The Board reviewed upcoming events.*

MEETINGS

- Tue., 4/8 Planning Commission, 7:30 a.m., Geauga County Offices, Room A334 (Third Floor)*
- 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*

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- Fri., 4/11 NOACA, Standing Committee meetings, Cleveland*
- Tue., 4/15 The Commissioners will hold session at 9:30 a.m.*
- Tue., 4/15 Geauga Trumbull Solid Waste Management District, Board of Directors meeting, 3:00 p.m. County Office Building, Room B303*
- Mon., 4/21 Family First Council, 1:30 p.m. County Office Building, First Floor*
- Tue., 4/22 The Commissioners will hold session at 9:30 a.m.*
- Tue., 4/29 The Commissioners will hold session at 9:30 a.m.*

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

*Motion: by Commissioner Brakey, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to adjourn the meeting at 11:21 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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