

Commissioners' Journal
April 22, 2025

The Geauga County Board of Commissioners met in session on April 22, 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:

The Lord speaks to us!

Always pray to have eyes that see the best in people,

A heart that forgives the worst,

A mind that forgets the bad,

And a soul that never loses faith in God.

Amen

FINANCIALS

Acting County Administrator Linda Burhenne reported on financials from April 17, 2025, Resolution #25-070, that included Supplemental Appropriations from the Commissioners in the General Fund Miscellaneous Insurance Expenses account to cover an increase to the CORSA purchase order and a payment for the Commissioners' Office to the Title Professional Group for the purchase of property located at 214 East Park Street, Chardon in the amount of \$295,143.67.

Acting County Administrator approved the financials from April 17, 2025 pursuant to Resolution #25-070 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.

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Approved and executed the Agreement with the Geauga County Maple Festival for use of the southern end of the 100 Short Court, Chardon parcel for food and other festival vendors and festival attendees during the Geauga County Maple Festival event during the period April 20 – 28, 2025.

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – COUNTY RISK SHARING AUTHORITY (CORSA) INSURANCE PROGRAM RENEWAL

Human Resources Administrator Kathy Hostutler introduced Scott Landis, from Insured Partners, who provided information regarding the County Risk Sharing Authority (CORSA) Insurance Program Renewal. Mr. Landis explained that currently 73 of the 88 counties in Ohio belong to CORSA. It is a non-profit that is used to provide insurance at a better rate than through a profitable insurance company, who pay shareholders. Geauga County has been with CORSA since May 1, 1990, and the CORSA program itself was started in 1987. Geauga County has been in the program for thirty-five years and it has been a very good match for Geauga. Mr. Landis stated that this year's premiums, over all the 73 counties, saw an increase of 12.07 percent. However, Geauga County only saw a 10.94 percent increase due to a better loss ratio, less claims and the county hit 100 percent of our credits. This reduces the overall cost and is less than the average. Mr. Landis explained that the increase is in part due to re-insurance, insurance on your insurance, which saw a large increase last year. Geauga County is doing everything they can do to keep costs of claims down, timely reporting and acting quickly on claims.

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Mr. Landis noted some reasons for our increase, which includes property values increasing \$12 million, an increase in payroll and adding eighteen additional vehicles, including trailers. Overall, over the last three years, Geauga County has a 37% loss ratio, which is well below the Average. If we remain doing the things we are now, it is anticipated that any increase would be less than the average again.

Commissioner Brakey asked about a credit on the invoice of \$62,000.00 and what it was for. Mr. Landis explained that it is a combination of dividends and coordinated seminars, including training and defensive driving. Ms. Hostutler gave credit to the Directors and Officials for participating in the training programs and always wants to reach the maximum incentive, which was \$18,000.00 this year. Ms. Hostutler noted that while cost has increased, as everything has, the county works together. Ms. Brakey asked about CORSA subsidized risk management and how it works. Ms. Hostutler explained that CORSA offers grants and ADP and the Sheriff do take advantage of them. Ms. Hostutler explained that the multi-factor authentication was a reimbursement to ADP, they are very big on Cybersecurity. Commissioner Spidalieri asked about \$12 million in property value. Mr. Landis replied that it has to do with additional property purchased, or a re-evaluation on the replacement costs. Mr. Spidalieri asked if it had to do with property evaluation. Mr. Landis stated that CORSA does a valuation every couple of years, and when you add a property, they get the most up to date replacement cost factors. Mr. Spidalieri asked about what property had been added in, noting that at the statehouse they are looking to unravel the re-appraisals that were put in, and put property at values that won't sell at those prices, is that included or are we looking at real numbers. Mr. Landis explained that there is a difference between market value and replacement value, and that they insure for replacement value. Mr. Landis noted that the premium for the \$12 million increase was \$22,000.00. Ms. Brakey asked about public official's line item that are about \$100,000.00, and it was explained that this is the liability coverage for the Elected Officials in the county. Mr. Landis noted that he will have additional information for the board regarding the property value increase.

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by ~~Commissioner Brakey~~ to accept and approve the County Risk Sharing Authority (CORSA) Insurance Program Renewal for the period May 1, 2025 through April 30, 2026, and further authorize the payment of \$532,136.00.

<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 – RESOLUTION TO IMPROVE VARIOUS SECTIONS OF COUNTY ROADS BY APPLYING CRACK SEAL, YEAR 2025

Deputy Engineer Shane Hajjar asked the Board to approve the resolution to improve various sections of county roads by applying crack seal. Ms. Brakey asked if they had a cost estimate. Mr. Hajjar noted that it is about \$200,000.00 and the amount of crack seal needed from this last winter has increased.

Motion: by Commissioner Brakey, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute Resolution #25-072 to Improve Various Sections of County Roads by Applying Crack Seal, Year 2025.

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Date: April 22, 2025

Resolution: 25 - 072

**RESOLUTION TO IMPROVE
VARIOUS SECTIONS OF COUNTY ROADS
BY APPLYING CRACK SEAL, YEAR 2025**

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Geauga County (Board) has determined the public convenience and welfare requires the improvements on various county roads in accordance with Section 5555.022 of the Ohio Revised Code.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board that the public convenience and welfare requires the improvements to various highways by applying crack seal to county highways within the County as determined by the Geauga County Engineer.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Geauga County Engineer is hereby directed to complete necessary surveys, plans, profiles, cross sections, estimates of cost and specifications as required for the improvement and to transmit copies of the same to this Board at the time such plans are completed.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that no special assessments to real estate will be assessed to cover the damages, costs, and expenses of constructing this improvement and that the compensation, damages, costs, and expenses of constructing said improvement shall be appointed as follows:

The engineering and right of way costs shall be paid from local roadway improvement funding sources. The construction costs shall be paid from local roadway improvement funds and any federal and/or state grants and/or loans that may be secured for the project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if preliminary designs show that the project cannot be built within the current right of way, pursuant to Section 5555.09 of the Ohio Revised Code, the Geauga County Engineer is granted permission to negotiate with owners to secure the lands, right-of-way, easements, or work agreements required for the improvement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board Clerk is hereby directed, upon the filing of the plans, specifications, estimates, etc., for the improvement by the County Engineer, to schedule a time at a regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners for the Board to review the copies of the surveys, plans, profiles, cross sections, estimates and specifications for the improvement.

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

<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 – RESOLUTION TO ORDER THE ASPHALT RESURFACING OF WILSON MILLS ROAD (CH-0008, SECTIONS G-L) MUNSON TOWNSHIP – EXECUTE TITLE SHEET – SET BID OPENING

Mr. Hajjar asked the Board to approve and execute the resolution to order the resurfacing of Wilson Mills Road. Mr. Hajjar noted that this resolution asks the Board to execute the title sheet and set the bid opening.

Motion: by Commissioner Brakey, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute Resolution #25-073 to Order the Asphalt Resurfacing of Wilson Mills Road (CH-0008, Sections G-L) in Munson Township.

This resolution also requests the Board approve and execute the Title Sheet of Specifications for the same.

Further, this resolution sets a Bid Opening using Bid Express at the County Engineer's Office on Friday, May 23, 2025 at 10:05 a.m. Notice of this Bid Opening will be advertised on May 1, 2025, May 8, 2025 and on the County website.

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Date: April 22, 2025

Resolution: 25 – 073

**RESOLUTION TO ORDER
THE ASPHALT RESURFACING OF WILSON MILLS ROAD (CH 0008),
SECTIONS G-L IN MUNSON TOWNSHIP**

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WHEREAS, the Geauga County Board of Commissioners (Board) has determined by Resolution 23 - 139 that the public convenience and welfare requires the improvement of Wilson Mills Road (CH-0008), Sections G-L from Heath Road at the Chester Township Line (TR-0105) to Thwing Road (CH-0027) by constructing and reconstructing culverts, performing drainage improvements, subgrade stabilization, asphalt resurfacing and improving shoulders and related improvements as necessary in accordance with Ohio Revised Code (R.C.) 5555.06; and

WHEREAS, lands will not be taken relative to the improvements; and

WHEREAS, the cost of such improvement will not be excessive in view of the public utility thereof and no special assessments shall be collected to fund this improvement; and

WHEREAS, the Board, after reviewing the plans with the County Engineer in public session, is satisfied that the public convenience and welfare require that said improvement be made.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board in accordance with R.C. 5555.13 hereby orders that such improvement proceed.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board in accordance with R.C. 5555.022 hereby approves the surveys, plans, profiles, cross sections, estimates, and specifications for such improvement, the costs of which shall be paid from local and/or state funding sources in accordance with R.C. 5555.43.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the Board is hereby ordered to let this project for bids in accordance with R.C. 5555.61. The bids shall be let upon a unit price basis. Bids shall be received until 10:00 AM on May 23, 2025 and read publicly at 10:05 AM.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Board is hereby instructed to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the Munson Township Board of Trustees and the Geauga County Engineer.

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

COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – THREE-PARTY CONTRACT – FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES, INCORPORATED D.B.A. CHAGRIN FALLS PARK COMMUNITY CENTER AND COUNTRY ROOFING, LLC – COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) ROOF REPLACEMENT PROJECT

Program Manager Elaine Malkamaki asked the Board to execute the three-party contract between the Board, the Chagrin Falls Park Community Center and Country Roofing, LLC for the Community Center Roof Replacement project.

Motion: by Commissioner Brakey, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute the Three-party Contract between Geauga County Board of Commissioners, Family and Community Services Incorporated d.b.a. Chagrin Falls Park Community Center and Country Roofing, LLC for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Grant #B-F-23-1AZ-1, Chagrin Falls Park Community Center Roof Replacement Project in the amount of \$64,430.56.

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

COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – THREE-PARTY CONTRACT – MAPLE LEAF COMMUNITY RESIDENCES AND LINDSEY CONSTRUCTION AND DESIGN, INCORPORATED – COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) ROOF AND WINDOW REPLACEMENT PROJECT

Ms. Malkamaki asked the Board to execute the three-party contract between the Board, Maple Leaf Community Residences and Lindsey Construction and Design for the roof and window, replacement at three homes.

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Motion: by Commissioner Brakey, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute the Three-Party Contract between the Geauga County Board of Commissioners, Maple Leaf Community Residences and Lindsey Construction and Design, Incorporated for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Grant #B-F-23-1AZ-1, Maple Leaf Residences – Roof and Window Replacement in the amount of \$98,859.65. 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>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Dvorak</i>	<i>Aye</i>

DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES – CONTRACT MAINTENANCE FORM #1 – INCREASE CONTRACT – THENDESIGN ARCHITECTURE (TDA) – GEAUGA YOUTH CENTER DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION PROJECT

Director Craig Swenson asked the Board to approve the increase in the Contract with ThenDesign Architecture (TDA) to change drawings for the new site location, changing the heating source from electric to gas. Ms. Brakey had a question about the cost changes broken down between the relocation and the utilities.

Motion: by Commissioner Brakey, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute Contract Maintenance Form #1 increasing the Contract with ThenDesign Architecture (TDA) for the Geauga Youth Center Design and Construction project due to changes to drawings for a new site location and changing the HVAC from electric to gas, in the amount of \$49,940.00 for a new total contract amount of \$539,940.00.

<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>

Mr. Swenson brought up discussion about the utilities that will need to be brought across the street and that moving those utilities can be costly. Mr. Swenson added that having those utilities on that side of the street will be beneficial to the other lots that are there and also for the hospital. Mr. Swenson noted that the cost of these utilities was not included in the scope of work when we moved from one site to the other. Mr. Dvorak added that when the site locations were changed, it was supposed to include a savings of \$900,000.00, but feel that having those utilities available in the complex is very beneficial, and he personally feels that the board should cover the cost of those utilities. There was a brief discussion about the cost of extending those utilities, Ms. Burhenne noted that Water Resources can do the work and be paid for by the General Fund. Ms. Burhenne added that there is still a grant from the State that is done as a reimbursement over a period of time. Ms. Burhenne stated that the total cost of the project is about \$6 million, but does not include the utilities, which are anticipated to be around \$250,000.00. Director Nick Gorris explained that water is a service connection, but the sanitary needs to be extended, which is the opposite of what we were looking at with the original site. It was noted that the sewer and water connection will be done under separate bid from the rest of the project. Ms. Burhenne noted that Mr. Gorris will be assisting with that process.

MAINTENANCE – SERVICE CONTRACT AGREEMENT – LALLO MASONRY AND CONCRETE LLC

Director Glen Vernick asked the Board to approve a service contract with Lallo Masonry and Concrete to do masonry and concrete repairs that may be needed, but not for a specific project.

Motion: by Commissioner Brakey, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute the service Contract Agreement with Lallo Masonry and Concrete LLC to provide masonry and concrete services at various County locations for a one-year period, effective April 22, 2025, in an amount not to exceed \$65,000.00.

<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>

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DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – CONTRACT MAINTENANCE FORM #1 – C.U.E. EXCAVATING CONTRACTORS, LLC – REVISE CONTRACTORS ADDRESS AND INCREASE CONTRACT

Mr. Gorris asked the Board to approve the contract maintenance form with CUE Excavating to update their address and to increase the total contract by \$10,000.00 for them to perform work that the department cannot do.

Motion: by Commissioner Brakey, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute Contract Maintenance Form #1, with C.U.E. Excavating Contractors, LLC to revise the contractors address and increase the Contract \$10,000.00 bringing the Wastewater amount up to \$25,000.00 and \$15,000.00 in Water for a new not to exceed amount of \$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 – SERVICE CONTRACT AGREEMENT – JAMISON WELL DRILLING

Mr. Gorris asked the Board to approve the service contract agreement with Jamison Well Drilling for well maintenance services as needed.

Motion: by Commissioner Brakey, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute the service Contract Agreement with Jamison Well Drilling to perform Well Maintenance Services as needed at various locations within the department for a one-year period, effective April 22, 2025, in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00.

<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>

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – SCHEDULE SPECIAL MEETING – APRIL 24, 2025

Ms. Burhenne asked the Board to approve scheduling a special meeting on Thursday, April 24 at 9:30 a.m. Mr. Spidalieri asked what this was in regard to. Ms. Burhenne explained that the meeting will be necessary to complete all the remaining actions for the Airport. Mr. Gorton explained that in order to create an encumbrance and expenditure for Thursday, we need to have the cash in the fund or New World will not allow Ms. Ashburn to complete the paperwork and the process in order to get that done. Mr. Gorton added that we were already going to have to do a special financial later this week in order to pay the funding out, with some additional discussions and a need to schedule a special meeting, and in addition to that, do a financial piece on Thursday. It is possible to authorize the transfer of the \$800,000.00, there may be some additional actions required to do that, and the board could approve the encumbrance and expenditure, but we will still have to do another financial to pay it. Mr. Gorton explained that we cannot move the cash, create an encumbrance and expenditure and spend the money all in the same day. Mr. Dvorak added that the Thursday meeting is just for the details and add in the financial for that. Mr. Spidalieri expressed concern for what was happening. Ms. Burhenne explained that her understanding was that by now there would be an agreement that would be approved by the airport authority that the Board would affirm today, however that did not happen, and there will be a pivot that will take some time get paperwork together. Ms. Brakey added that the Commissioners approved a resolution but the airport is not agreeing to it. Mr. Dvorak stated that it is being pivoted to a loan process, so Thursday is for the details. Chip Hess expressed that this was all new to him, that what is happening has transpired in the last few hours, and asked what is happening today and what is Thursday. Mr. Dvorak explained that we are looking to schedule a special meeting for Thursday, to work out the details of the resolution or a loan agreement, and the next action is to continue the process necessary for financials. Mr. Gorton explained that he needs to put the funding into the fund, which is why financials have been held off until this point today. Mr. Gorton stated that he heard that it went from making this a grant to a loan, and we found this out this morning. Mr. Hess added that the Airport Authority is willing to have a loan for the second building with the same terms as the first building, at an interest rate of 1.5 % for twenty years. Ms. Brakey noted that interest rates have increased since 2021. Mr. Spidalieri asked why we are charging interest. Ms. Burhenne stated that the Board did a loan on the first T-hangar that includes an interest rate and they are paying

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that back. It was noted that the airport captures the revenue from the hangar rentals. Ms. Burhenne stated that the airport did not feel comfortable with the terms in the resolution and did not feel comfortable agreeing to those terms. Mr. Hess stated that a resolution was revised yesterday, however the Prosecutor will not agree to it. Mr. Hess stated that was out of his control. Mr. Hess stated that this is what prompted moving to the loan option, if we do not get this done, we lose \$585,000.00 of FAA funds that benefit the taxpayers. Ms. Burhenne asked to express an opinion, the thought of doing the T-Hangar was to have revenue, if you do this as a loan, you won't have revenue to pay it all back. Greg Gyllstrom from the Airport Authority expressed that the loan at 1.5 % allows them a little room for maintenance and improvement money, if the interest is too high then they just pay the loan and have no cash flow from that transaction. Mr. Hess added that they have professional services since December 17 that they have expended to get this process to this point, if they don't get the funding, then they lose the FAA funding and lose the amount of money they put into the professional services. The interest rate this morning was noted at 2%, but now it sounds like 1.5%, Ms. Brakey expressed she was not okay with that. Mr. Dvorak stated that this is Geauga County investing in Geauga County properties and buildings. Mr. Spidalieri stated that 2% on \$800,000.00 will be about \$4,047.00, what are we looking at collection on the hangar as a whole once complete. Ms. Brakey noted that from an email last week it says the first-year rent revenue would be \$48,787.00, not sure what that is a month. Mr. Gyllstrom stated that at 20 years at 2% equals \$48,564.00, so in other words, if you ask for a higher interest rate, you are effectively killing the deal, so we are asking for a lower rate to allow us to do maintenance. Ms. Brakey noted that she asked Mr. Gorton this morning, if the county borrowed \$800,000.00, what would our interest rate be, and after looking it up, it would be about 5%, so if the county wanted to borrow this, we couldn't do it at 1.5%. Mr. Gyllstrom continued to say this is the county borrowing money for the county to support the county buildings. Mr. Gyllstrom stated that this is not an investment decision, this is do we support the airport or not. Discussion took place regarding multiple projects in the county and the different funding that was provided to them, including the youth center, the fairgrounds and now this project at the airport. Mr. Spidalieri stated that we are solid as a county, and have the funds to do this, and never would have taken this on if it would have affected it.

Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Brakey to schedule a special meeting on Thursday, April 24, 2025 at 9:30 a.m.

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

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – ENCUMBRANCE AND EXPENDITURE – AIRPORT AUTHORITY - \$800,000.00 – AIRPORT CONSTRUCTION FUND

Ms. Burhenne read the motion on the agenda. Mr. Gorton explained that this just puts the funding into the Airport Construction Fund, so on Thursday whatever is going to be done, we can then pay the money to the airport, whether it will be a grant or a loan.

Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve an encumbrance and expenditure to the Geauga County Airport Authority in the amount of \$800,000.00 from the Airport Construction Fund for contributing funds towards the construction of a new T-Hangar at the Geauga County Airport.

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

APPROVE FINANCIALS

Mr. Gorton explained the financials for today as including a Cash transfer from the General Fund to Court Technology for a portion of their 2025 funding; Cash transfer from the General Fund to Community Development, Metzenbaum and Board of Elections for the 1st Quarter 2025 interest transfer; a Cash transfer from the General Fund to the Board of Developmental Disabilities for gas well proceeds from January – March, 2025; a Cash transfer from the General Fund to the Airport Construction Fund in preparation for an expenditure for the construction of new T-hangars; Contract PO increase for the Commissioners' Office to CORSA for 2025 property and liability insurance premium (up \$61,212.00 from 2024); Travel requests for the Auditor's Office, Department of Emergency Services, and Job and Family Services; a Then and Now for the Department of Emergency Services to the Geauga Credit Union for hotel

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reservations for the Davis Bessie Nuclear Power Station drill that were not previously encumbered; and a payment for the Engineer's Office to Valley Ford for two 2025 Freightliner 108SD Plus Chassis highway vehicles in the amount of \$221,886.00.

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute Resolution #23-001 itemizing the financials for the meeting of April 22, 2025.

<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>

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – APPROVE THE 2026 TAX BUDGET HEARING SCHEDULE

Mr. Gorton asked the Board to approve the Tax Budget Hearing schedule. Mr. Spidalieri noted that he would not be available on May 13. Ms. Brakey noted who was on the schedule for the 13th. Mr. Gorton said that the schedule is very tight, and Mr. Dvorak will be out of town and miss the 8th and 20th, and really can't go into the last week of May, it will be very tight.

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Brakey to approve the 2026 Tax Budget Hearing Schedule, with hearings scheduled on May 6, 2025, May 8, 2025, May 13, 2025, and May 20, 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>

Tuesday, May 6, 2025

9:00 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.	<i>Treasurer</i>
12:00 p.m. – 12:30 p.m.	<i>Board of Developmental Disabilities</i>
12:35 p.m. – 1:20 p.m.	<i>Department on Aging</i>
1:25 p.m. – 2:10 p.m.	<i>Airport Authority</i>
2:15 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.	<i>Engineer</i>
2:50 p.m. – 3:05 p.m.	<i>Ohio State University – Geauga Extension Office</i>
3:10 p.m. – 3:40 p.m.	<i>Coroner</i>

Thursday, May 8, 2025

8:35 a.m. – 9:20 a.m.	<i>Sheriff</i>
9:25 a.m. – 9:55 a.m.	<i>Building</i>
10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	<i>Community and Economic Development</i>
10:35 a.m. – 11:05 a.m.	<i>Maintenance</i>
11:10 a.m. – 11:40 a.m.	<i>Water Resources</i>
12:30 p.m. – 1:15 p.m.	<i>Job and Family Services</i>
1:20 p.m. – 1:35 p.m.	<i>Law Library</i>
1:40 p.m. – 2:10 p.m.	<i>Emergency Services</i>
2:15 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.	<i>Dog Warden</i>
2:50 p.m. – 3:20 p.m.	<i>Planning Commission</i>
3:25 p.m. – 3:55 p.m.	<i>Clerk of Courts</i>

Tuesday, May 13, 2025

12:30 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.	<i>Board of Elections</i>
1:05 p.m. – 1:35 p.m.	<i>Prosecutor</i>
1:40 p.m. – 2:10 p.m.	<i>Mental Health</i>
2:15 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.	<i>Public Defender</i>
2:50 p.m. – 3:05 p.m.	<i>Veterans</i>
3:10 p.m. – 3:25 p.m.	<i>Recorder</i>
3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.	<i>Auditor / ADP</i>

Tuesday, May 20, 2025

12:30 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.	<i>Soil and Water</i>
1:05 p.m. – 1:50 p.m.	<i>Maintenance Projects</i>
1:55 p.m. – 2:25 p.m.	<i>Municipal Court</i>
2:30 p.m. – 3:25 p.m.	<i>Commissioners</i>
3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.	<i>Common Pleas / Court Technology</i>

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COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – REQUEST FOR PARTIAL PAYMENT #19 – INFINITY CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, INCORPORATED – GEAUGA COUNTY COURTHOUSE EXPANSION, GMP PHASE #1 AND #2 EXPENSES

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Brakey to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Request for Partial Payment #19 for Infinity Construction Company, Incorporated for the Geauga County Courthouse Expansion, GMP Phase #1 and Phase 2 expenses, in the amount of \$890,605.10.

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

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – GREAT GEAUGA COUNTY FAIR 2025 CONTRACT

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Brakey to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Great Geauga County Fair 2025 Contract, during the period August 28, 2025 through September 1, 2025.

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

BOARD DISCUSSION

Mr. Gorton stated that NV5 asked him to explain that there is an x-ray baggage scanner and metal detector that the Sheriff has chosen for the courthouse. Mr. Gorton was tasked to get contracts together for the installation of these items. Mr. Gorton explained that the company for the metal detectors does not do contracts. Ms. Burhenne clarified that they don't do service contracts. Mr. Gorton explained that since they are coming onto county property, it is county policy that they require a service contract and insurance. Mr. Gorton noted that the baggage scanner company included terms and conditions that were three pages and felt that it was a landmine and months of negotiations. The suggestion was made that Infinity take these installations on and the county would be covered through the agreement of the construction management firm. There will be an increase in cost. Ms. Burhenne noted that the two items will have an increase in cost of about \$8,000.00 for both items since Infinity does not qualify for state bid pricing. Mr. Gorton stated that the cost then would be about \$60-61,000.00, but protects the county since they will not do the service contracts.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Gail Roussey, League of Women's Voters, asked if the Thursday meeting will be livestreamed and asked for a copy of the Budget Hearing schedule. Mr. Dvorak stated yes to both. Mr. Gorton stated that the budget hearings will not be livestreamed but are open to the public.

Howard Newell, South Russell Village, expressed his opinion about how things are being handled and asked if a decision would be made on the airport.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

- a) Geauga County Airport Authority Financial Report for 2024
- b) A weekly report filed by the County Dog Warden of all dogs seized, impounded, redeemed or destroyed for the week ending April 9, 2025 as required by O.R.C. 955.12.

OTHER

The Board reviewed upcoming events.

MEETINGS

Wed., 4/23 Board of Revision, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Auditor's Appraisal Conference Room

Mon., 4/28 Special ADP Board meeting, 1:00 p.m. Auditor's Appraisal Conference Room

Tue., 4/29 The Commissioners will hold session at 9:30 a.m.

Tue., 5/6 The Commissioners will hold session at 9:30 a.m.

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BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD

Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Brakey to adjourn the meeting at 10:29 a.m.

Geauga County Board of Commissioners

James W. Dvorak

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Ralph Spidalieri

Christine Blair, Commissioners' Clerk

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