

Commissioners' Journal
June 24, 2025

The Geauga County Board of Commissioners met in session on June 24, 2025, at 9:30 a.m. in the Commissioners' Offices located at 12611 Ravenwood Drive, Room B303, 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 9:31 a.m. by leading the Board and audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Commissioner Spidalieri was absent from today's meeting.*

Commissioner Dvorak read the following prayer:

A prayer for today

Father God, your Word promises that you will guide me if I seek you.

Show me how to order my time and arrange my schedule to accomplish your will.

In Jesus' name.

Amen.

FINANCIALS

County Administrator Amy Bevan reported on financials approved on June 18, 2025, Resolution #25-132, that included a Travel request for the Common Pleas Court; a payment for the Commissioners' Office to Infinity Construction Company for pay request #20 of the Courthouse Expansion Project in the amount of \$572,668.05; a payment for the Engineer's Office to Ronyak Paving, Incorporated for the asphalt resurfacing of Leggett and Clay Roads in the amount of \$629,339.25; a payment for Maintenance to Geauga Mechanical Company Incorporated for a boiler replacement at the West Geauga Senior Center in the amount of \$46,640.00; and a payment for the Sheriff's Office to Motorola Solutions, Incorporated for 800 MHz trunk radio upgrades in the amount of \$55,164.00.

The County Administrator approved the financials from June 18, 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

Ms. Bevan 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.

Ms. Bevan explained that the County Administrator approved the following items on June 23, 2025:

Community and Economic Development:

Approved and executed a Satisfaction / Release of Mortgage for Opportunities Gateway, LLC (Exscape Designs, LLC) as the Mortgage from December 22, 2015, for a Revolving Loan Fund loan in the amount of \$250,000.00 has been satisfied.

Approved and executed a Satisfaction / Release of Mortgage for Matthew T. Johnson and Meagan M. Johnson, as the Mortgage from December 18, 2008, for down payment assistance in the amount of \$7,900.00 has been satisfied.

Approved and executed a Satisfaction / Release of Mortgage for Matthew T. Johnson and Meagan M. Johnson, as the Mortgage from November 5, 2009, for housing rehabilitation – rehabilitation / lead remediation in the amount of \$24,063.00 has been satisfied.

Job and Family Services:

Acknowledged the following new hire appointments, as the Executive Director of Job and Family Services complied with the Board of Commissioners' recruitment and hiring procedures for:

Camryn Lutz – Social Services Worker I (replacement) - effective May 27, 2025

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Maintenance:

Approved hiring Jason Emming to the position of Maintenance Worker (#1904) to be effective July 7, 2025, at the rate of \$19.86 per hour (Grade 6, Step 5) with a one-year probationary period. This offer of employment is contingent upon the successful completion of the required pre-employment conditions.

MEETING MINUTES

Motion: by Commissioner Brakey, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute the minutes for the meeting of May 13, 2025.

<i>Roll Call Vote:</i>	<i>Commissioner Spidalieri</i>	<i>Absent*</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 Then and Now encumbrance from the Commissioners to Sedgwick Claims Management Services, Incorporated for the first contract payment from May and June 2025 that was not previously encumbered; a Travel request for the County Engineer's Office; a payment for the Clerk of Courts and Common Pleas Court to Courtview Justice Solutions for service and support of their Courtroom Management Software in the amount of \$61,161.00; a payment for the County Engineer's Office to Ronyak Paving, Incorporated for the asphalt resurfacing of Auburn Road (Sections R-U) in the amount of \$135,121.88 and a payment for Maintenance to the U.S. Postal Service (Quadiant-POC) for additional postage for the mail machine in the amount of \$50,000.00.

Commissioner Brakey inquired about Sedgwick Claims Management assisting the handling of insurance claims. Mr. Gorton replied that they help manage insurance and BWC claims, and unfortunately, it took a while to get the contracts through the process, so there was about a month and half that was not covered by an encumbrance.

Motion: by Commissioner Brakey, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute Resolution #25-136 itemizing the financials for the meeting of June 24, 2025.

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

COMMON PLEAS COURT – MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING – OHIO
DEPARTMENT OF REHABILITATION AND CORRECTION'S BUREAU OF COMMUNITY
SANCTIONS (BCS) TARGETED COMMUNITY ALTERNATIVE TO PRISON (T-CAP) GRANT

Financial Specialist Deborah Dudek with the Common Pleas Court, Probation asked the Board to approve the memorandum of understanding between the Commissioners, the Court of Common Pleas and the Sheriff's Office which outlines the roles and responsibilities of compliance for the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction's grant. This grant provides funds to the local communities to suspend and provide treatment services and hold accountable low level non-violent offenders to keep them out of prison and provides programs for their recovery.

Motion: by Commissioner Brakey, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute a Memorandum of Understanding between the Geauga County Board of Commissioners, the Geauga County Court of Common Pleas and the Geauga County Sheriff's Office approving the submission of the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction's Bureau of Community Sanctions (BCS) Targeted Community Alternative to Prison (T-CAP) Grant, documenting the roles and responsibilities for compliance requirements of the grant, pursuant to O.R.C. 5149.38 for the period July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2027 (FY2026 and FY2027).

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

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COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE – CHANGE ORDER #1 – INCREASE CONTRACT – MILLER BUILDERS LLC – CONSTRUCTION OF SALT STORAGE BUILDING

Deputy Engineer Shane Hajjar asked the Board to approve change order #1, which increases the contract with Miller Builders for the salt storage building. Ms. Brakey asked why this wasn't anticipated. Mr. Hajjar explained that the design was intended to be comparable to the existing structure on site, but after the project went out to bid, the Building Department reviewed the plans and determined that additional roof trusses were needed to meet snow load requirements.

Motion: by Commissioner Brakey, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute Change Order #1, increasing the Contract with Miller Builders LLC for the Construction of a Salt Storage Building to meet snow load requirements of the County Building Department in the amount of \$14,800.64.

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

PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE – VICTIM/WITNESS – GRANT APPLICATION REQUEST – VICTIM OF CRIME ACT (VOCA) AND STATE VICTIM ADVOCACY ACT (SVAAA)

Cindi Haycox, Program Director for the Victim Witness program, asked the Board to approve the grant application for VOCA and SVAA from the Ohio Attorney General. Ms. Haycox noted that the amount was the same as last year, adding that they were not given the opportunity to request additional funds. Ms. Haycox explained that they notify victims of their rights under Marsy's Law rights, an Ohio Constitutional Amendment that provides specific protection for crime victims. This includes informing them about the trial process, and court dates case details and offering them support throughout the process. Ms. Haycox included that they handle all the common pleas level and felony level cases as well as all the cases in the Probate / Juvenile Court.

Motion: by Commissioner Brakey, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Grant Application Request for the Victim of Crime Act (VOCA) and State Victim Advocacy Act (SVAA) (#136129722) in the amount of \$49,454.10. As part of this grant, \$28,441.10 is being requested from federal VOCA funds with a local match from the County General Fund of \$16,552.00 and \$4,461.00 from SVAA with no local match. This grant is for the period October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026.

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

OHIO GUIDESTONE

The following item was on the agenda:

OhioGuidestone is requesting the Board approve and execute a letter of support to Ohio Developmental Disabilities Council in support of the grant application for "Pathways to Progress: Community Outreach and Family Engagement for Individuals with Developmental Disabilities". This grant will support the expansion of their Beyond Limits Program, with outreach efforts and engagement within the communities and counties it serves, including Geauga County.

Commissioner Brakey asked whether this would be a new grant, inquired about the position being created with the funds, questioned what the plan would be if the grant were later eliminated. Senior Workforce Manager Kimberly Brown, who requested the letter of support, was not present to answer the questions. Therefore, a motion was made to table the item, so that Ms. Brown could attend and answer the questions.

Motion: by Commissioner Brakey, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to table the Letter of Support for OhioGuidestone regarding their grant application for Pathways to Progress.

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

MAINTENANCE

Project Manager Charles Tkach asked for the following item to be on the agenda:

The Maintenance Department is requesting the Board discuss, review and approve the proposed concept design for repairs at the Courthouse Annex buildings located at 215 and 219 Main Street that includes repairs of masonry walls, roofs, and rear additions, as the engineering estimate of construction costs is approximately \$200,000.00.

Mr. Tkach and Director Glen Vernick explained their recommendations on the project, which includes repairs to the parapet, masonry on the back wall of the Annex, replacement of the roof, and repairs to the fire escape. Mr. Tkach explained that this project was originally estimated at around \$100,000.00, plus \$17,500.00 for engineering. However, after the engineering firm completed its assessment and provided a preliminary report, additional issues were identified. The report found that the roof above the parapet is in very poor repair and contributing to the deterioration of both the parapet wall and the masonry wall. Although it appears the roof has been repaired in the past, signs of moisture remain.

Based on these findings, Mr. Tkach recommended replacing the roof first before proceeding with the repairs to the parapet and masonry wall. Mr. Tkach showed pictures of the damage, as well as areas on the back wall where masonry repairs are needed around the windows, along with concrete work and replacing the grates on the fire escape.

The total project for construction and engineering fees will be \$234,500.00. Ms. Brakey expressed that we need to think about the long term and do the investment now. Mr. Vernick said that there was a lot included in the amount and everything ties into each other.

Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Brakey to move forward with Option 1, in the estimated amount of \$234,500.00 and continue moving forward with the repairs of masonry walls, back wall of Annex, including the fire escape and replacement of roofing of the Annex on 215 and 219 Main Street.

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

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – ADVERTISE FOR BIDS – DWR FUEL AND FUEL TANK PROVIDER

Director Nicholas Gorris asked the Board for permission to advertise for bids for the fuel and fuel tank provider. Mr. Gorris explained that due to fuel volatility, the current provider is unable to stay below state bid pricing, so we are putting it out to bid.

Motion: by Commissioner Brakey, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to grant permission to advertise for Bids for DWR Fuel and Fuel Tank Provider to be held on Wednesday, July 9, 2025, at 2:15 p.m. Notice of this Bid Opening will be advertised on June 26, 2025, July 3, 2025, and on the county website.

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

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT AND ACCEPT PROPOSED UPDATES – GEAUGA COUNTY FACILITY PLANNING AREA (FPA) BOUNDARIES – PART OF NOACA FIVE YEAR UPDATE

Mr. Gorris asked the Board to acknowledge the proposed update to the facility planning area boundaries as part of NOACA's five-year update. Mr. Gorris explained that this is part of the Clean Water 2020 Act and the Ohio EPA requirement that each county in the MPO must update the facilities planning document. Mr. Gorris explained that they went through all of their accounts as part of this process and it was a good exercise, but have also taken out the future growth expansion out of the plan. They also worked with the others to make sure the boundaries

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match. Ms. Brakey asked how long this took. Mr. Gorris stated that they started with Bainbridge and with NOACA in January of this year, so about a six-month process. Mr. Gorris added that this has been recommended to move forward to be before the Board in September for approval. This is a planning document and still requires any additions to follow the process to expand 208 areas.

Motion: by Commissioner Brakey, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to acknowledge receipt and accept the proposed updates to the Geauga County Facility Planning Area (FPA) boundaries as part of NOACA's five-year update process.

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

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – RELEASE BID / PERFORMANCE BONDS – MULTIPLE PROJECTS

Mr. Gorris asked the Board to release bid / performance bonds that are no longer required to be held for several projects.

Motion: by Commissioner Brakey, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to release the Bid/Performance Bonds for the following projects, as all specifications have been satisfied: S.E.T. Incorporated for the Bainbridge Sewer Main Re-Alignment project, Viking Painting, LLC for the Water Towers Painting and Improvements project and Woodford Excavating, LLC for the Bainbridge Waterline Extension project.

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

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – GROUP RETROSPECTIVE RATING PREMIUM AND REBATE HISTORY

Human Resources Administrator Kathy Hostutler introduced Account Executive for Sedgwick TPA, Mara McClain. Ms. McClain provided information to the Board regarding Group Retrospective Rating Premium and Rebate History.

Ms. McClain explained that she wanted to discuss Geauga County's Workers Compensation program. Sedgwick TPA is the largest Third-Party Administrator (TPA) in Ohio, administering workers compensation programs, in particular group rating, group retro, individual retro and some self-insured. The County Commissioners Association of Ohio (CCAO) partners with Sedgwick TPA to offer members (Commissioners) the group retro or group rating programs. There are about 80 counties in Ohio that use Sedgwick TPA, noting that 7 counties use group rating that is an upfront discount off your premium, and 59 counties use group retro which is a rebate program that is performance based on claims incurred that year versus premiums paid to the Bureau of Workers' Compensation (BWC) that year. The goal of the group retro program is to have as few claims as possible to pay the BWC this premium and keep claims down so you are rebated back on that premium. Ms. McClain explained that in Ohio, you are either self-insured or you are part of the state fund, which Geauga is part of. Imagine a three-legged stool: the BWC, which collects the premium; the Managed Care Organization (MCO), which manages workers' compensation claims and oversees employees' recovery and return to work; and the TPA, which serves as the employer's advocate, helping to mitigate claims cost and secure participation in a group program that can provide either a discount or a rebate through group retro.

Ms. McClain noted the Experience Modification Rate (EMR). The lower the number is below 1.00 the better. When you are above 1.00, you are penalty rated, but when you are below 1.00 like Geauga County is, which is currently 0.67, that is excellent. Ms. Brakey inquired about the EMR in 2021. Ms. Hostutler explained that 2021 was a bad year. Sometimes if you have one really bad claim, you are carrying that for four years. You want the claims that are fixed, not non-fixed, as the fixed claims don't add to your reserves. If you continue to go the doctor and now you need surgery, that adds to the reserve and that keeps growing. We were in that group rating, penalty rated, and they were not happy with us, so when they started the group retro program in 2010, we got in on the ground level. You are in with other counties, and you help

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each other, and over the last fifteen years, we haven't been assessed. Ms. Hostutler expressed that there were several bad claims that were carried out over four years, until they finally fall out of the program period. Ms. McClain explained that the EMR comes down to the claims incurred versus your budget for claims. The budget for claims in the 2025 rate year was \$388,000.00 and came in at \$111,000.00, way under budget and why the EMR is only 0.67. It is a complex calculation, so at 0.67, you are only paying 67% of the base rate. The base rate in Ohio is 93 cents per \$100 of payroll, so you are only paying 67% of 93 cent base rate. Ms. Hostutler added that we all pay our own premiums based on the EMR, so the 59 counties are paying their own premium, but you are getting a three-year evaluation that looks at the whole pool and you get rebates based on that evaluation. It is a performance of the whole group. The goal is to keep claims down versus your premium to the BWC, and everyone overpays the BWC, and you keep your claims down and you then get rebates back from the BWC. In April, the County got rebates back on the 2021, 2022 and 2023 rate years. The BWC does these three evaluations to determine what each county gets back. The assessment, while concerning, occurs if everyone has more claims that what was paid to the BWC.

Ms. Brakey asked what it meant to be self-insured. Ms. McClain replied that it is a whole different animal. You are your own little BWC. Ms. Brakey expressed that it felt like we are overpaying and then we get a refund, and she'd rather just not overpay. Ms. Hostutler brought up that in 2018 and 2019, the BWC gave the whole premiums back, so there was no rebate. There was a brief discussion about the difference between group retro versus self-insured. Ms. Hostutler added that you have criteria that you have to meet, such as a safety committee, transitional work, and a big reason our EMR is where it lands are in part to those in the county that manage workers compensation. We do participate in the local safety council. The safety committee dispenses materials that are discussed in the meetings, and departments are also discussing safety in their staff meetings.

Ms. McClain wanted to point out that through May 21, 2025, Geauga County has received \$1,588,115 in rebates since participation in the 2010 rating year. While the rebates have gone down, and part of that is that the premium history has also gone down over the years, the BWC has reduced base rates. Group retro has changed since 2010, and that is because the BWC has made changes, bringing rates down, and those factors are used to determine what will be the rebate, and the new reserving system that is set by the bureau.

Ms. McClain stated that group retro is an annual program that must be renewed every year and as your TPA, we project that for 2026, Geauga County will be a 0.65 EMR with an estimated premium of about \$235,548.00 with a target rebate of \$47,110.00, which is about 20%, could be more, but we are realistic, and the max assessment is 5%, and the bureau brought those down, so the max assessment possible could be \$11,777.00 (which is 5% of the premium). Ms. Hostutler added that you don't even really have to pay the assessment based on previous year rebates. The deadline to renew is July 25.

Mr. Dvorak asked if the BWC offers guidance or classes so that rates can be lowered and save even more than we are saving now. Ms. McClain said that Geauga County is doing a great job now, Ms. Hostutler and Ms. Erickson are handling the claims very well and you are very safety oriented. There are options available, but simply put, they are not sure how we can do better than where we are right now. Ms. Hostutler noted different safety courses available, and the departments that are doing more of that training, getting employees back to work quicker, to avoid a lost time claim. You just never know, accidents happen, but we will handle anything we can to the best we can.

Ms. Hostutler noted that the not-to-exceed amount of \$11,500.00 is the administrative fee, and it is based on the claims cost.

The following motion was on the agenda and read as adjusted:

The Commissioners' Office is requesting the Board approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Geauga County/County Commissioners Association of Ohio Workers' Compensation Group Retrospective Rating Plan Agreement with the CCAO Service Corporation for the period January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026, in an amount not to exceed \$11,500.00 and further execute the Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation, Employer Statement for Group-Retrospective-Rating Program enrollment form.

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After the item was read, Ms. Brakey asked if there was time to review the option of self-insured. The decision has to be made by the beginning of July.

Motion: by Commissioner Brakey, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to table the Ohio Worker's Compensation Group Retrospective Rating Plan Agreement and enrollment.

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

GEAUGA COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

Fair Board President Wendy Anderson, Vice President Keith Chapman and Secretary Meg Noah came before the Board to talk about the latest happenings on the fairgrounds.

Ms. Noah presented some paperwork to the Board. Over the past weekend, they held a flash sale on pre-sale admission tickets that ended yesterday. Advanced tickets are still on sale for \$8.00 or the 5 tickets for \$35.00 at the local banks or the fairgrounds. In the packet, they did include an invitation to the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the new Poultry and Sale Barns, and while it is on a Sunday, they are hoping the Board can join them to cut the ribbon. Entry deadline for fair entries is August 6.

Ms. Noah provided a list of grounds projects and wanted to highlight some of the projects. Ms. Noah started with the Cook Street Restroom renovation, noting that it is important to get all the restrooms on the grounds updated. The family restrooms were done last year, that included ADA accessibility, so now the men and women restrooms are being renovated. The next goal is the arena restroom renovation, but that will depend on how they do at fair time. Ms. Noah noted that they had several insurance claims due to storms, they did the racehorse barn roof, lightning struck the office again, so they moved away from the server to a cloud system. They are almost finished switching over to all LED lighting on the grounds to reduce electric costs, and lowering some poles in the parking lots so that they can reach them to do repairs. The Sheriff's Office building had some renovations to it, replacing the floor and the door had a large gap.

Ms. Noah noted that they dredged the lower pond by the racehorse barn and used the clay as the base for the poultry and sale barns. The pond is used to water down the fairgrounds to keep the dust down.

Ms. Noah explained they are still working on the multi-purpose building project, but they have have changed the proposed location to be where the existing OSU extension office exists, as they were told the building is not in good repair. The budget sits at \$5 million and so they are working on figuring out how they move forward and of course anything the Board can help them with. Ms. Brakey asked what the timeline on the project was. Ms. Noah stated that they have two grants, and one was extended to 2026, so they have one for \$500,000.00 and one for \$250,000.00. Several years ago, they did receive funding from the state budget. Ms. Brakey asked about what other money they have set aside for the multi-purpose building. Ms. Noah stated that they don't have the money for the multi-purpose building, but they can use the capital improvement funds that they use to do repairs and build on the grounds, and have support from the foundation, but nothing earmarked for it. Ms. Brakey asked if they had a specific ask from the Commissioners, but they did not.

The last time the Board came to the fairgrounds, the proposed location for the multi-purpose building was where Merchant Hall 2 is located, but she wanted to make sure they were aware their plans had changed.

Mr. Dvorak asked about still holding our regular meeting at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday during the fair. That is media day.

Ms. Brakey brought up some concern over the Commissioners recently making investments into the Patterson Center and if the ultimate plan is level it, and that it doesn't sit well with her. Mr. Dvorak agreed and suggested that she take a tour of the building to assess its condition.

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COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – ADVERTISE BIDS – FURNITURE CONTRACTOR GEUGA COUNTY COURTHOUSE EXPANSION PROJECT

Ms. Bevan asked the Board to grant permission to advertise for bids for the furniture contractor for the Courthouse. Assistant County Administrator Linda Burhenne explained that last fall, quotes were obtained for the furniture and have it supplied under state bid contracts. The Prosecutor's Office is not comfortable with moving forward with that. The estimate on the cost was about \$600,000.00, so we are not sure what the cost will be to go out to bid. There was a brief discussion about reusing some of the existing furniture in the courthouse, and those bidding can give an alternative option that may be better or lower cost. It was noted that the advertisement will be in the News Herald and even though it is a holiday, the paper will still be printed.

Motion: by Commissioner Brakey, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to grant permission to advertise for Bids for Furniture Contractor Geauga County Courthouse Expansion Project to be held on Wednesday, July 23, 2025 at 2:00 p.m. Notice of this Bid Opening will be advertised on June 27, 2025, July 4, 2025 and on the county website.

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

BOARD DISCUSSION – NONE

PUBLIC COMMENT

Newell Howard from South Russell Village mentioned the fly-in at the Geauga County Airport, that it was well attended and that the Airport Board did a wonderful job.

Anastasia Nicholas, Chagrin Valley Times, asked about the state of the building, and how it got to that, clarifying she meant the Annex. Mr. Dvorak noted that over time, it was put on the back burner, but going forward, they plan to make things safer for the employees in Geauga County.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

- a) A weekly report filed by the County Dog Warden of all dogs seized, impounded, redeemed or destroyed for the week ending June 11, 2025 as required by O.R.C. 955.12.*
- b) Geauga County Engineer's 2024 Annual Report*

OTHER

The Board reviewed upcoming events.

MEETINGS

Wed., 6/25 Board of Revision, 9:00 a.m. Auditor's Appraisal Conference Room

Tue., 7/1 The Commissioners will hold session at 9:30 a.m.

Tue., 7/1 Geauga Trumbull Solid Waste Management District, Board of Directors meeting, 2:00 p.m., Warren, District Office (Re-Scheduled from June 17, 2025)

*Fri., 7/4 **County offices will be closed for general business due to the Independence Day holiday. Twenty-four-hour operations will continue to operate as usual.***

Tue., 7/8 Planning Commission, 7:30 a.m. County Office Building, Room A334

Tue. 7/8 The Commissioners will hold session at 9:30 a.m.

Wed., 7/9 Geauga County Township Association Dinner, 6:00 p.m. Chester Township

Tue., 7/15 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 10:48 a.m.

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James W. Dvorak

Carolyn Brakey, Esq.

Ralph Spidalieri

Christine Blair, Commissioners' Clerk

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