



GEAUGA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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AGENDA

For the Board of County Commissioners Meeting of January 13, 2025

Open the meeting at 9:30 a.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. **Public Comment** - Those wishing to make a comment or ask a question on items appearing on the meeting's agenda, please sign in and wait to be called upon, begin by stating their full name and address, and will have up to three minutes to comment or ask a question, and are kindly asked to refrain from disorderly or disruptive conduct.
2. The Commissioners' Office will report on the items approved January 8, 2026, and January 12, 2026, by the County Administrator, authorized by Resolution #26-003 under the direction and supervision of the County Commissioners that was approved January 6, 2026, pursuant to O.R.C. 305.30.
3. The Commissioners' Office is requesting the Board approve and execute Resolution #26-005 itemizing the financials for the meeting of January 13, 2026.
4. The Sheriff's Office is requesting the Board approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the 2nd Amendment to Agreement by and between the Ashtabula County Commissioners and the Geauga County Commissioners to keep, board and maintain prisoners from Ashtabula County in the Geauga County Safety Center for the period January 1, 2026 through March 31, 2026 in an amount not to exceed \$45,000.00 per month, with all other terms and conditions of the original agreement remaining in full force and effect.
5. The Department of Community and Economic Development is requesting the Board approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Ohio Department of Development / Community Services Division (CSD) Organization Contacts Form, Ohio Department of Development / Community Services Division Users and Roles Form and the State of Ohio, Ohio Department of Development Data Confidentiality Agreement – Agency Staff (OCEAN User Agreement Forms) that are used to apply for and maintain CSD programs and grants.
6. The Department of Community and Economic Development is requesting the Board approve and authorize the President of the Board to electronically execute and submit the Ohio Department of Development, Brownfield Remediation Grant Agreement, Second Amendment to Grant Agreement, (Grant #DEV-2023-205118B) to extend the date for completion through June 30, 2026.
7. The Department of Water Resources is requesting the Board approve and authorize Ralph Spidalieri, authorized representative, to execute the Ohio Water Development Authority Fund Payment Request #10

for the McFarland Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements Project for technical services by HDR Engineering Incorporated in the amount of \$69,223.94.

8. The Department of Water Resources is requesting the Board approve and authorize Ralph Spidalieri, authorized representative, to execute the Request for Partial Payment #7 for Shook Construction Company for the McFarland Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements Project in the amount of \$832,207.46. This request will be paid in full using ARPA funds.
9. The Commissioners' Office is requesting the Board approve and execute Resolution #26-006 Approving the Use of County Credit Cards for Year 2026 for Offices and Departments (per attached, Exhibit A – revised), pursuant to O.R.C. 301.27.
10. The Commissioners' Office is requesting the Board approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Applications for Authorization for the use of County Credit Cards forms for the Year 2026, per O.R.C. 301.27 for the County Engineer's Office (additional employees), the Department on Aging, Building Department, Job and Family Services (additional employees) and Maintenance (additional employee).
11. The Commissioners' Office is requesting the Board approve and execute the Certification Request to County Auditor, Request to Board of Commissioners Quarterly Use of County Credit Cards, pursuant to O.R.C. 301.27 for the Year 2026 (Quarters 1, 2, 3 and 4) for the Department on Aging, Building Department and Department of Water Resources (1st Quarter – Visa, all Quarters – Home Depot and Tractor Supply).
12. The Commissioners' Office is requesting the Board approve the creation, title and job description for the position of Part-time Communications / Media Specialist (#1333-1) to be effective January 13, 2026.
13. The Commissioners' Office is requesting the Board approve the revised Organizational Chart to remove Intern (temporary) and include the Part-time Communications / Media Specialist (#1333-1) to be effective January 13, 2026.
14. The Commissioners' Office is requesting the Board grant permission to advertise for the position of Part-time Communications / Media Specialist (#1333-1). This position will remain posted until filled.
15. The Commissioners' Office is requesting the Board approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Letter of Representation: Outside Counsel with Meyers, Roman, Friedberg and Lewis for the Year 2026 in an amount not to exceed \$25,000.00 unless prior approval by the Board.
16. The Maintenance Department is requesting the Board move into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the employment and compensation of public employees, pursuant to O.R.C. 121.22 (G)(1).
17. **Board Discussion** – NOACA, Outside Counsel – Additional Firms, update on Opioid Settlement Funds through Mental Health and Recovery Services
18. **Public Comment** - Those wishing to make a comment or ask a question on matters of concern, please raise their hand to be called upon, begin by stating their full name and address, and will have up to three minutes to comment or ask a question, and are kindly asked to refrain from disorderly or disruptive conduct.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

- a) A weekly report filed by the County Dog Warden of all dogs seized, impounded, redeemed or destroyed for the weeks ending December 31, 2025, January 7, 2025, as required by O.R.C. 955.12.
- b) A monthly report filed by the Geauga County Sheriff's Office of an account of expenses for the Inmate meals for the month ending December 2025.
- c) A monthly report filed by the Geauga County Sheriff's Office of an account of expenses for Prisoner Transport for the month ending December 2025 as required by O.R.C. 325.07.
- d) The Monthly Inventory Report, Consolidated Investment Portfolio and Obligations and Securities monthly reports filed by the Treasurer's Office for Geauga County for the Month of November 2025, pursuant to ORC 135.35(L).

MEETINGS

- Tue., 1/13 Planning Commission Meeting, 7:30 a.m. County Office Building, 3rd Floor Conference Room A334, Chardon
- Wed., 1/14 Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) – District 7, Integrating Committee, 11:00 a.m., Engineer's Conference Room
- Mon., 1/19 **County Offices will be closed in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Twenty-four-hour operations will continue to operate as normal.**
- Thu., 1/22 The Commissioners will hold session at 9:30 a.m.
- Mon., 1/26 Family First Council, 1:30 p.m. Geauga County Office Building
- Tue., 1/27 Investment Advisory Committee, 9:00 a.m., Geauga County Office Building, Room B303
- Tue., 1/27 The Commissioners will hold session at 9:30 a.m.