

Commissioners' Journal
October 16, 2025

The Geauga County Board of Commissioners met in session on October 16, 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.

The 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 Dvorak read the following prayer:

*Heavenly Father,
When I am alone, God is my comforter.
When I am weak, God is my strength.
When I am nothing, God is my everything.
Amen.*

PUBLIC COMMENT

No members of the public signed in to speak about agenda items.

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE - COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

County Administrator Amy 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 of the following items on October 9, 2025:

Department on Aging:

Accepted the retirement resignation of Natalie Pajk, Social Services Worker, to be effective October 3, 2025.

Community and Economic Development:

Approved and executed the Ohio Department of Development, Certification of Determination of Subsequent Exemption for a Categorical Exclusion Project in regard to the Library Administration Building purchase / Chardon Senior Center purchase using Revolving Loan Funds.

APPROVE FINANCIALS

Budget and Finance Manager Adrian Gorton explained the financials for today as including Appropriations transfer to the Prosecutor's Contract Services account for reimbursement checks that were received from the USDA that were deposited into the General Fund; Appropriations transfer from the Auditor's Office in their Real Estate Assessment Fund payroll accounts to true up balances to year end; a Cash transfer out of the General Fund to Court Technology for a portion of their 2025 funding; a Cash transfer from the Commissioners' Office to the unemployment rotary fund; a Cash transfer from the Board of Developmental Disabilities from the Operating fund to the Residential Services fund for Medicaid waiver and locally funded services; Travel requests for the Auditor's Office, Common Pleas Court and Treasurer's Office; a payment for Community and Economic Development to 7145 Pine LLC for a Brownfield Remediation Grant Project in the amount of \$43,442.25; a payment for the Engineer's Office to Ronyak Paving, Incorporated for the asphalt resurfacing of Sperry Road (\$656,633.75) and Fairmount Road (\$203,610.50) and for crack sealing on various county roads (\$106,325.00) in the amount of \$966,569.25; a payment for Maintenance to North Bay Construction Incorporated for request #2 on the installation of a new generator at the Emergency Management Agency in the amount of \$52,052.85 and for a Revenue Certification from the Commissioners' Office in our Building Improvements Fund for additional unbudgeted revenue received in 2025.

Motion: by Commissioner Brakey, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute Resolution #25-187 itemizing the financials for the meeting of October 16, 2025.

Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Spidalieri Aye

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Commissioner Brakey Aye
Commissioner Dvorak Aye

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – INCREASE ENGAGEMENT AGREEMENT AMOUNTS WITH BENESCH, FRIEDLANDER, COPLAN AND ARONOFF, LLP – LEGAL COUNSEL – CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT, PHASE 1 AND PHASE 2

Mr. Gorton asked the Board to approve an increase to the engagement agreements with Benesch, Friedlander, Coplan and Aronoff, LLP. Phase 1 is the county office building and phase 2 is the Courthouse expansion. Mr. Gorton explained that these engagements are to assist the Prosecutor's Office on construction- related matters.

Motion: by Commissioner Brakey, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve an increase in the amount of \$10,000.00 for the Engagement Agreement with Benesch, Friedlander, Coplan and Aronoff, LLP for legal counsel in connection with the provision of legal services to support the design, construction and delivery of the proposed Capital Improvement Project, Phase 1 in a new not to exceed amount of \$160,000.00, without prior approval from the Board.

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

Motion: by Commissioner Brakey, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve an increase in the amount of \$50,000.00 for the Engagement Agreement with Benesch, Friedlander, Coplan and Aronoff, LLP for legal counsel in connection with the provision of legal services to support the design, construction and delivery of the proposed Capital Improvement Project, Phase 2 in a new not to exceed amount of \$150,000.00, without prior approval from the Board.

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

AIRPORT AUTHORITY –

Airport Manager Ric Blamer asked the Board to approve reimbursement request #5 on the Taxiway Extension project. Mr. Blamer explained that the taxiway is in its final phases and near completion. Commissioner Brakey asked if the invoices had been reviewed and were believed to be correct. Mr. Blamer answered in the affirmative.

Ms. Brakey expressed that she had previously asked Mr. Blamer some questions via email that she was waiting on answers to regarding change orders and if the commissioners have a legal or contractual obligation to pay them. Mr. Blamer replied that he had provided an email to Ms. Bevan. Ms. Brakey expressed that she felt his email was non-responsive and wants to know if there is a contractual requirement to pay for change orders. Mr. Blamer's understanding is that it is included in the grant agreements that are signed by the airport and the commissioners. Ms. Brakey asked for a citation and said that if the answer is the Airport Authority doesn't have the money to pay for the change order and they need the commissioners to do so, that is all she is asking for. Mr. Blamer stated he didn't have a response.

Mr. Dvorak asked Patty Fulop to come before the board to assist with any explanation. Ms. Fulop replied that the Board had contractually agreed to provide \$25,000.00 in grant match funding per year, and that her understanding was that they did not receive a grant match this year. Ms. Brakey replied that the Board of Commissioners gave them \$800,000.00 for the new T-hangar in addition to other funding. Ms. Fulop stated that it was not a grant match, and that in the operating agreement the Board is to provide grant match funding.

Ms. Brakey made a motion to table the item until her questions were answered. Ms. Fulop replied that would put them in a bind, and that the reputable contractor who performed the work needed to be paid. Ms. Brakey added that this information was requested at least three times, and she had questions as far back as August, and that the urgency is not hers on how they get paid. Mr. Dvorak asked if it could wait an additional week. Ms. Fulop and Mr. Blamer stated that it was time sensitive. Discussion continued and Ms. Fulop offered to get with Ms. Brakey and go over the operating agreement. Mr. Blamer stated that he felt he answered the questions.

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Mr. Spidalieri made a motion to approve the item as presented. Mr. Dvorak asked Ms. Fulop if the information Ms. Brakey is requesting could be gotten to her later today.

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve Reimbursement Request #5 for the Taxiway Extension Construction Project, specifically to Construct Parallel Taxiway A including Taxiway Connector A1 and A2 – Construction, Final Phase and Install Taxiway Edge Lights – Construction, Grant #3-39-0054-028-2024 in the amount of \$676,752.20 (FAA Share \$609,076.98, ODOT Share \$33,837.21 and Local County match share \$33,837.21).

<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>

BERKSHIRE LOCAL SCHOOLS – LETTER OF SUPPORT – VOCATIONAL WORKFORCE TRAINING HUB AND STUDENT AND FAMILY WELLNESS RESOURCE CENTER

Berkshire Local Schools Director of Pupil Services Ashley Brzozowski asked the Board for a letter of support for state capital funding to complete the vocational workforce training hub. Ms. Brzozowski explained that there is a garage between Berkshire school and Kent State Geauga campus that is mainly used for storage. A little back story is that she started the Badger Lab Vocational program for students with disabilities to learn some pre-employment skills that they could take with them following school to enter the workforce. That program has taken off over the years and has grown so much that they have run out of space. They are hoping to turn the garage building into an area for the Shire Shack (community resources for free clothing), a mobile food pantry for the community and an apartment living space for students to learn life skills. We are not asking for funding, but rather just asking for a letter of support for state capital funding. They have a lot of community support, work with developmental disabilities and this hub would be open after hours and open to surrounding families.

Motion: by Commissioner Brakey, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute a Letter of Support for Berkshire Local Schools for state capital funding to complete the Vocational Workforce Training Hub and Student and Family Wellness Resource Center on the co-shared Kent State University Geauga Campus.

<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>

RECORDER'S OFFICE – REVIEW COMPETITIVE SEALED PROPOSALS RECEIVED AND AUTHORIZE NEGOTIATIONS TO BEGIN WITH FIDLAR TECHNOLOGIES, INCORPORATED – LAND RECORDS MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

Recorder Celesta Mullins explained that she had previously been before the Board to request to advertise for competitive sealed proposals. Those proposals have been received and reviewed. Based on proposal rankings done with ADP, she would like to begin negotiations with Fidlar Technologies. Ms. Brakey asked if she had an idea on which pricing option she was looking at. Ms. Mullins stated that she was not sure yet, but that it would be done during the negotiations. Ms. Mullins explained that they have vendor software that is used to record documents. When someone wants to record something, the document is stamped, scanned, indexed and then is sent for microfilm to preserve it. This all done through the software system that is done daily by the staff. Currently they are not hosted with this company, but it is included in this proposal.

Motion: by Commissioner Brakey, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri, pursuant to R.C. 317.321 and 307.862, and after a review of the competitive sealed proposals received on September 10, 2025, for a Land Records Management System, to authorize negotiations to begin for a contract with Fidlar Technologies, Incorporated, as they represent the offeror with the most advantageous proposal based on the rankings performed by the county, pursuant to R. C. 307.862 (A)(2).

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

SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT – 2026 OHIO DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE – OFFICE OF FARMLAND PRESERVATION APPLICATION FOR LOCAL SPONSOR CERTIFICATION – LOCAL AGRICULTURAL EASEMENT PURCHASE PROGRAM

Executive Director Carmella Shale explained that this is the 2026 Ohio Department of Agriculture – Office of Farmland Preservation Application so we can continue to be a local sponsor for the agricultural easement program.

Motion: by Commissioner Brakey, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the 2026 Ohio Department of Agriculture – Office of Farmland Preservation Application for Local Sponsor Certification and to continue execution of the Local Agricultural Easement Purchase Program as outlined in the Memorandum of Understanding dated October 13, 2016, between the Geauga Soil and Water Conservation District, Geauga County Planning Commission and the Geauga County Board of Commissioners.

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

SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT – APPROVE AGREED JUDGMENT ENTRY – COMMISSIONERS VS. STACY CRUTE, IV – FINDING OF VIOLATION REGARDING CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES ON AQUILLA ROAD – FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH GEAUGA COUNTY WATER MANAGEMENT AND SEDIMENT CONTROL REGULATIONS

Ms. Shale explained that back in February, there was a violation against a property owner who created a dirt bike track that did not follow water management and sediment control regulations. Ms. Shale explained that they went through the whole process, the Prosecutor's Office attempted to get compliance, a pre-trial hearing was held, and we sat down with the judge and representation of the homeowner and their assistant prosecuting attorney and came to a judgment entry. Ms. Shale stated that right now, the property is voluntarily seeded, and they are to keep it vegetative and that they have to use silt fence for sediment control.

Motion: by Commissioner Brakey, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve the Agreed Judgment Entry for Case 25M000225, Geauga County Board of Commissioners vs. Stacy Crute, IV, et al. and authorize Sheila Salem, Assistant Geauga County Prosecutor, to execute the Agreed Judgment Entry. Case pertains to the Finding of Violation issued by Geauga County Board of Commissioners on February 4, 2025 regarding construction activities occurring at 11425 Aquilla Road and failure to comply with Geauga County Water Management and Sediment Control Regulations, Section 3.01 and 7.02.

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

COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – OHIO DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT, BUILDING DEMOLITION AND SITE REVITALIZATION PROGRAM, SUBRECIPIENT AGREEMENT – CHARDON LOCAL SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION

Project Manager Elaine Malkamaki explained that they were asking to execute the subrecipient agreement with the Chardon Local Schools Board of Education for Building Demolition and Site Revitalization program. Ms. Malkamaki explained that this is a reimbursement grant. Chardon Schools did the demolition portion and will be submitting the invoice for reimbursement.

Motion: by Commissioner Brakey, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Ohio Department of Development, Building Demolition and Site Revitalization Program, Subrecipient Agreement between the Geauga County Board of Commissioners and Chardon Local Schools Board of Education in the amount of \$433,315.00.

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Commissioner Dvorak Aye

LIFELINE, INCORPORATED – COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY FOR GEAUGA COUNTY

Job and Family Services Executive Director Craig Swenson introduced Director of Lifeline, Carrie Dotson, explaining that she oversees Lake County Lifeline and has been helping Geauga County as we transition programs out of Geauga Job and Family Services to Lifeline, and hopes the Board would consider designating them as the Community Action Agency for Geauga County.

Ms. Dotson provided a folder of information to the Commissioners that included the following:

Lifeline was founded in 1973 in Painesville, Ohio with the mission of providing emergency assistance and life skills training to keep people out of poverty. In 1987, they became designated as Lake County's Community Action Agency. In 2008, they were certified as a mental health agency by what is now the Ohio Department of Behavioral Health. They were designated as interim Community Action Agency for Geauga County and have been serving those in Geauga County since January 1, 2020. They had just opened their office when COVID hit. The mission is to lead the fight against poverty by empowering community members to achieve self-sufficiency and by overall improving the quality of life for all residents. Depending on where they might be on the spectrum, some just might need some job training, or they are homeless and have a long way to go, but they work with them no matter where they are to advance them. Currently in Lake and Geauga County, they offer over 25 programs and are tackling poverty from every angle.

Ms. Dotson stated that their operating budget is about \$4.5 million and includes many different funding sources, including the City of Mentor, the Cleveland Foundation, Lake Geauga Fund, the ADAHMS Board, Lake County Commissioners provide them with funding from three different sources, Home Investment Partnership, Community Development Block Grant, Senior Services Levy in Lake, Lake County Job and Family Services, several grants from the Ohio Department of Development, in Geauga County from the Community Services Block Grant and Home Energy Assistance and Homeless Crisis Response funding and the United Way.

As we integrated into Geauga County, they opened a full-time office in Newbury to serve Geauga County residents, but also offer other locations for tax services, home visits, and some programming in Chagrin Falls Park. Geauga County has a large footprint and we are trying to reach people where they are. We are trying to form partnerships and get programming information out, doing presentations at civic groups, rotaries, Kiwanis, churches, and participating in events and fairs to engage with residents.

Ms. Dotson stated that they expanded their Board to include members from Geauga County, introducing Brittany Sustar, who is a nurse at UH Geauga Hospital. Ms. Sustar briefly explained her story as a single mom and that the services she received from Lifeline helped her and her family greatly. She wanted to give back and did so by serving on the Board to ensure others can get the assistance they need.

Ms. Dotson introduced Joyce Taylor, who is a Geauga resident and a recently retired nurse., Ms. Taylor previously served on the Board and after terming out, she is able to serve again and feels strongly about having a Geauga presence on the Board. Ms. Taylor noted that Lifeline provides programming that targets the top priorities in the community needs assessment.

Ms. Dotson went over some of the programs that they offer to residents in Geauga County, which include housing, utility assistance, and property tax assistance for seniors. A new program is a snow plowing program for seniors in conjunction with the Department on Aging. They also offer different programs for finances, and a jump start car program for car repairs, safety checks for seniors, and helping hands for seniors to assist with daily activities.

Ms. Dotson explained some of the partnerships they have developed since 2020 in Geauga County with the Housing Coalition and the Continuum of Care, P.A.S.S. Group, Geauga Citizens Circle, Geauga Aware Coalition, GMHA program coordinating committee, the Community Health Improvement Committee with the Health Department and Chagrin Falls Park.

Ms. Dotson provided some numbers on outcomes, including that they served 95 unduplicated households, the tax clinics included 41 households that are done by volunteers, wrapping up

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summer crisis had 69 households – mostly seniors, 49 households for transportation programs that included car repairs (39) and electric bikes (10) and one purchase of a car, and housing with 12 households.

Ms. Dotson showed impact data that lists some of the companies they work with, explaining that federal money comes in and when they provide services it goes back into the communities through repairs, housing, etc. Their client base is spread throughout the county.

Mr. Dvorak expressed that they do a great job and he is happy they are in Newbury. Mr. Swenson added that the office is now a full-time office and once they can get official designation for Geauga County, then they will be able to increase the programming they can offer. There was a brief discussion about the HEAP Program going to Lifeline June 1st and summer crisis started July 1st. Mr. Swenson added that at the time, we were the last Job and Family Services in the state to be handling that program.

Ms. Brakey asked what it would mean for Lifeline to be Geauga's Community Action Agency designation. Mr. Swenson added that it provides support to the Geauga staff, open doors for additional funding, and training from the State. Ms. Brakey asked who would be an organization that may be their "competition" to which Mr. Swenson stated a lot of agencies that could do it, but they have been pulling away. Ms. Dotson expressed that they wanted an existing community action agency to take over instead of starting a new one, and with the crossover in counties, it made sense for them to do it. Mr. Swenson briefly explained a little of the history of how the changes happened with the community services block grant, the community action agency that was started but didn't take off, and now we have this opportunity and are willing to grow here in the County.

Ms. Dotson noted that the grant for Geauga County is \$260,000.00 and very little goes to administration. It goes towards all those programs.

JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES – LETTER OF ENDORSEMENT – SUPPORT OF LIFELINE, INCORPORATED – DESIGNATE AS COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY FOR GEAUGA COUNTY

Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute a Letter of Endorsement in support of Lifeline, Incorporated and designating them to be the Community Action Agency for Geauga County.

<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>

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (EMA) - EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion: by Commissioner Brakey, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to move into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the employment of a public employee, 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 Executive Session at 10:36 a.m. with Ms. Bevan, Director of Emergency Management Agency Austin Rice and Human Resources Administrator Kathy Hostutler.

The Board returned at 11:00 a.m. and as a result the following actions were taken:

Motion: by Commissioner Brakey, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve the promotion of Brandon Reed to the position of Deputy Director, Emergency Management Agency (#1711) to be effective October 20, 2025, at the rate of \$34.45 per hour (Grade 14E, Step 6) with a 180-day probationary period.

<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 Brakey, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to grant permission to advertise for the position of Planner/Trainer (#1712), pending Mr.

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Reed's acceptance of the position of Deputy Director. This position will be posted until filled.

<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 – ACCEPT THE OPERS STATEMENT OF PRIOR SERVICE – MARK JIMISON, DEPUTY COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

It was briefly explained that Mr. Jimison's prior service was at Moreland Hills.

Motion: by Commissioner Brakey, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to accept the OPERS Statement of Prior Service for Deputy County Administrator, Mark Jimison of 1.394 years.

<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 – APPROVE UNPAID PERSONAL LEAVE - MARK JIMISON, DEPUTY COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

Motion: by Commissioner Brakey, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve an unpaid personal leave of absence for Mark Jimison, Deputy County Administrator during the period of October 23-24, 2025, and October 28, 2025 through November 11, 2025, for time not covered by accrued vacation time.

<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>

PUBLIC COMMENT

Newell Howard from South Russell Village briefly mentioned that on October 13th we celebrated the 250th anniversary of the United States Navy. We are here today thanks to those who have served.

BOARD DISCUSSION:

Follow up Discussion on Change Order #14:

Ms. Bevan explained that this item is a follow-up discussion on the magistrates' benches.

Architect Brad Gellert from TDA provided background on prior discussions regarding the layout and security design of the magistrate and judge courtrooms. Mr. Gellert explained that the design was developed in accordance with applicable guidelines and was submitted to the judges for review and approval. Ms. Brakey stated that there were gates included in earlier bench design drawings but were later removed and asked when and how those design changes occurred.

Discussion continued regarding the design of the doors and access points. Mr. Gellert added that the designs were reviewed and approved, and that as construction progressed, questions were raised based on lack of understanding of the drawings.

Ms. Bevan asked for solutions to fix this, including potential financial solutions. Mr. Gellert stated that the issue did not constitute a design error, as the plans were approved, but as a good faith gesture, TDA would design a crosswalk to from the Geauga County Office Building to UH Geauga Hospital on a pro bono basis.

Ms. Brakey explained that she had spoken with the judges, who indicated that they want the benches changed to include gates. Ms. Brakey noted there is a fund that is restricted to courthouse improvements that is the result of a settlement. That fund may be available to cover the cost of the gate modifications so that the cost would not be borne by the taxpayers.

There was additional discussion regarding the opening of the walking trail by the hospital, and the potential benefit of creating a safe walkway for employees.

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The change order and payment will come out of the capital reserve account and then Mr. Gorton will work with the Judges to reimburse that fund from the courthouse improvement fund.

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – CHANGE ORDER #14 – INCREASE CONTRACT – INFINITY CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, INCORPORATED – COURTHOUSE EXPANSION PROJECT, GMP PHASE #1 AND #2

Motion: by Commissioner Brakey, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute Change Order #14, increasing the Contract with Infinity Construction Company, Incorporated for the Courthouse Expansion Project, GMP Phase #1 and Phase #2 for changes related to the magistrate's bench doors (+\$33,571.00) and a decrease for the elimination of redundant bond charges (-\$1,487.00) for the total amount of \$32,084.00, and will utilize the Courthouse Donation Fund to cover the cost of the magistrate bench doors.

<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>

Ms. Brakey mentioned she attended the Chardon Township Trustees meeting where they discussed the proposed annexation of ten acres to allow for the construction of apartments. Ms. Brakey explained that there are two ways the annexation could happen, and that the residents are very opposed to this annexation and the apartments. Mr. Dvorak agreed with Ms. Brakey that it is a hot topic and is very controversial and it will be some time before it comes before the Board, if at all.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

- a) A weekly report filed by the County Dog Warden of all dogs seized, impounded, redeemed or destroyed for the week ending September 24, 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 September 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 September 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 September 2025, pursuant to ORC 135.35(L).*

OTHER

The Board reviewed upcoming events.

MEETINGS

Thu., 10/16 Planning Commission, 7:30 a.m. County Office Building, Room A334

Tue., 10/21 The Commissioners will hold session at 9:30 a.m.

Mon., 10/27 Family First Council, 1:30 p.m. County Office Building

Tue., 10/28 The Commissioners will hold session at 9:30 a.m.

Tue., 11/4 The Commissioners will hold session at 9:30 a.m.

*Tue., 11/11 **County Offices are Closed in observance of Veterans Day, Twenty-four-hour operations will continue to operate as normal.***

Thu., 11/13 Planning Commission, 7:30 a.m. County Office Building, Room A334

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Thu., 11/13 The Commissioners will hold session at 9:30 a.m.

Mon., 11/17 Family First Council, 1:30 p.m. County Office Building

BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD

Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Brakey to adjourn the meeting at 11:21 a.m.

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James W. Dvorak

Carolyn Brakey, Esq.

Ralph Spidalieri

Christine Blair, Commissioners' Clerk

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