



GEAUGA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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AGENDA

For the Board of County Commissioners Meeting of July 21, 2026

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 township or municipality, 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 is requesting the Board approve and execute Resolution #26-113 Recognizing and Commending Connor Talty for his courageous and life-saving actions, saving his grandmother.
3. The Commissioners' Office will report on financials from July 15, 2026, Resolution #26-112 as approved by the County Administrator pursuant to Resolution #26-003, approved January 6, 2026 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 2026, as authorized by O.R.C. 305.30.
4. The Commissioners' Office will report on the items approved July 15, 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.
5. The Commissioners' Office is requesting the Board approve and execute the minutes for the meeting of February 24, 2026
6. The Commissioners' Office is requesting the Board approve and execute the minutes for the work session of February 26, 2026.
7. The Commissioners' Office is requesting the Board approve and execute the minutes for the special meeting of March 2, 2026.
8. The Commissioners' Office is requesting the Board approve and execute Resolution #26-114 itemizing the financials for the meeting of July 21, 2026.
9. The Commissioners' Office is requesting the Board approve an increase for the Engagement Agreement with Squire Patton Boggs, LLP for outside legal counsel related to bonds, filing tax documents and additional assistance for matters relating to TIF's in the amount of \$2,000.00, for a new not to exceed amount of \$10,550.00, without prior approval from the Board.
10. The County Engineer's Office is requesting the Board acknowledge receipt of the Certificate of Estimated Property Tax Revenue from the County Auditor's Office, dated May 22, 2026, regarding the renewal of two and five tenths (2.5) mills Road and Bridge Levy.

11. The County Engineer's Office is requesting the Board approve and execute Resolution #26-115 Declaring it Necessary to Levy a Tax in excess of the Ten Mill Limitation as authorized by Sections 5705.03, 5705.19, and 5705.25 of the Ohio Revised Code for renewal of two and five tenths (2.5) mills levy for general construction, reconstruction, resurfacing and repair of streets, roads and bridges in Geauga County.
12. Veteran's Service Commission will present information on the establishment of the Geauga County Veterans in Public Service Recognition Program and further request the Board to approve and execute a letter to Geauga County Elected Officials and Department Directors about Continuing the Mission through Public Service and the Veterans Service Recognition Campaign.
13. The Department of Job and Family Services is requesting the Board approve and execute Resolution #26-116 Assigning Authority to Craig Swenson, Executive Director of Geauga County Job and Family Services, to Act as the Geauga County Board of County Commissioners' designee for approving Inter-county Adjustments of Allocated Funds, for the period July 21, 2026 through June 30, 2031.
14. The Department of Water Resources is requesting the Board grant permission to advertise for Bids for Sludge/Biosolids/Filter Bed Sand Disposal, to be held on Wednesday, August 12, 2026, at 2:00 p.m. Notice of this Bid Opening will be advertised on July 23, 2026, July 30, 2026, and on the county website.
15. Geauga Growth Partnership (GGP) will present a proposal to the Board called Partnership for Prosperity: Building Geauga County's Economic Development Operating System and discuss a grant with the Cleveland Foundation and the return on investment for Geauga County.
16. The Commissioners' Office is requesting the Board approve the revised Organizational Chart that reduces the Part-time Communications / Media Specialist (#1331-1) position from two to one position, to be effective July 21, 2026.
17. The Commissioners' Office is requesting the Board establish the gas mileage reimbursement to the revised Internal Revenue Service (IRS) rate of 76 cents, that became effective July 1, 2026, per IRS Bulletin 2026-29, for the departments under the direction of the Geauga County Board of Commissioners.
18. The Commissioners' Office is requesting the Board amend and clarify the motion from July 14, 2026, to read: select and approve the proposal for Opioid Settlement Funds, Grant Cycle 1 from Lake Geauga Recovery Centers in the amount of \$50,000.00 for assistance with the purchase of a Recovery House, this will include the remaining funds of \$23,000.00, plus an additional allocation of \$27,000.00 in Opioid Settlement Funds to fulfill the requested amount, pending financial processing.
19. **Board Discussion** – Discuss possibility of Levy Suppression
20. **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 township or municipality, 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 week ending July 1, 2026, as required by O.R.C. 955.12.

- b) Approval from the Western Reserve Land Conservancy for Construction of a Bridge on the Irwin Farm Agricultural Conservation Easement, co-held by the Geauga County Board of Commissioners

MEETINGS

Fri., 7/24 CEBCO Board of Directors meeting, Columbus

Tue., 7/28 The Commissioners will hold session at 9:30 a.m.

Tue., 8/4 Investment Advisory Committee, 9:00 a.m., Room B303 (Re-scheduled from July 21,2026)

Tue., 8/4 The Commissioners will hold session at 9:30 a.m.

Tue., 8/11 Planning Commission, 7:30 a.m. County Office Building, Room A334, Chardon

Tue., 8/11 The Commissioners will hold session at 9:30 a.m.