

Commissioners' Journal
February 19, 2026

The Geauga County Board of Commissioners met in session on February 19, 2026, 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 9:30 a.m. by leading the Board and audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Dvorak read the following prayer:

John 14:6

Jesus said to him, I am the way, the truth, and the life:

No man comes to the father, but by me.

Hell is no joke. Jesus came to save you from it
if you believe Jesus is the only way to heaven.

Amen

PUBLIC COMMENT

No one signed the sheet to speak about items on today's agenda.

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE - COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

County Administrator Amy Bevan reported on the items approved, as 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.

Ms. Bevan explained that the County Administrator approved the following items on February 13, 2026, and February 17, 2026:

February 13, 2026

Dog Warden:

Accepted the resignation of Patricia Evans, Deputy Dog Warden, to be effective February 3, 2026.

Liquor License:

Concurred with the Hambden Township Trustees, in not requesting a hearing on the Liquor License being requested by WEBEGOOD LLC WeBeGood LLC building 2 / The Hambone located at 13960 Rock Creek Road, Chardon, Ohio (OCT NEW 09451396-2).

Concurred with the Bainbridge Township Trustees, in not requesting a hearing on the Liquor License being requested by The Hive Chagrin Valley, LLC located at 8200 E. Washington Street, Chagrin Falls, Ohio (OCT NEW 10010179-1).

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Department on Aging:

Approved and executed the Agreement between the Geauga County Board of Commissioners and HZW Environmental Consultants, LLC to perform Phase I Environmental Site Assessment Services to Geauga County at the property located at 12701 Ravenwood Drive, Chardon in the amount of \$2,600.00.

Approved hiring Richard Mack to the position of Full-time Social Services Worker (#1022) to be effective March 16, 2026, at the rate of \$26.57 per hour (Grade 10, Step 4) with a one-year probationary period. This offer of employment is contingent upon the successful completion of the required pre-employment conditions.

Liquor License:

Concurred with the Newbury Township Trustees, in not requesting a hearing on the Liquor License being requested by STATION CONVENIENT STORES, LLC, Geauga Station Convenience Store located at 11253 Kinsman Road, Newbury, Ohio (OCT TRFO 10011303-1).

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MEETING MINUTES

Motion: by Commissioner Brakey, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute the minutes for the meeting of November 4, 2025.

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

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

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

APPROVE FINANCIALS

Budget and Finance Manager Adrian Gorton explained the financials for today as including Supplementals in the General Fund Capital Transfers Out account to prepare additional funding for upcoming projects; Supplemental in the Revolving Loan fund in preparation for the purchase of a property; Cash transfer from the Juvenile / Probate Court General Fund Salaries accounts to the Unemployment Compensation Fund; Cash transfer from the General Fund to Court Technology for a portion of their 2026 funding; a Formal Contract from the Commissioners to The John F. Gallagher Plumbing Company, Incorporated for the West Geauga Senior Center condenser project; a payment for the Board of Developmental Disabilities to Portman Electric, Incorporated for a new generator for Houses C and D in the amount of \$34,750.00; and a payment for the Commissioners to Kash Moving Corp for the relocation of courthouse staff from the old courthouse and 470 Center Street into the new Courthouse in the amount of \$27,330.00.

Motion: by Commissioner Brakey, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute Resolution #26-025 itemizing the financials for the meeting of February 19, 2026.

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

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – COUNTY AUDITOR'S, CURRENT AGRICULTURAL USE VALUATION RENEWAL APPLICATION FORM – PARCEL NO., 13-015313

Mr. Gorton explained that this property is next to the Water Resources lab that is being used for farm purposes. Mr. Gorton explained that he had reached out to the farmer who is leasing the property and the lease will be coming to an end and so this is being placed in idle status for this year. Future leasing and farming of the property will determine the status of the property.

Motion: by Commissioner Brakey, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the County Auditor's, Current Agricultural Use Valuation Renewal Application form DTE 109 (A) for Parcel No. 13-015313.

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

PLANNING COMMISSION – RESOLUTION TO DESIGNATE THE GEAUGA COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION AS THE AGENCY TO PREPARE ALL MATERIALS AND SUBMIT THE APPLICATION ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS – OHIO DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE (ODA) LAND USE PLANNING GRANT 2025

Director Linda Crombie explained that she had come before the Board for a letter of support for a Land Use Planning Grant. In working on the grant application, it became clear that a resolution was necessary, so this resolution gives authorization to the Planning Commission to apply for the grant on behalf of the Commissioners. Ms. Crombie explained that the Planning Commission will complete the grant application, prepare and conduct all public engagement on the plan and complete the plan.

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Motion: by Commissioner Brakey, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute Resolution #26-026 to Designate the Geauga County Planning Commission as the Agency to prepare all materials and submit the application on behalf of the Geauga County Board of Commissioners for the Ohio Department of Agriculture's (ODA) Land Use Planning Grant 2025 and the Grant Funds will be used to Update the 2008 Geauga County Farmland Preservation Plan.

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Date: February 19, 2026

Resolution: #26-026

RESOLUTION TO DESIGNATE THE GEAUGA COUNTY PLANNING
COMMISSION AS THE AGENCY TO PREPARE ALL MATERIALS AND SUBMIT THE
APPLICATION ON BEHALF OF THE GEAUGA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
FOR THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE'S (ODA) LAND USE PLANNING
GRANT 2025, AND TO USE THE GRANT FUNDS TO UPDATE THE 2008 GEAUGA
COUNTY FARMLAND PRESERVATION PLAN

WHEREAS, on February 10, 2026, the Geauga County Board of Commissioners ("Board") issued a letter of support (attached as Exhibit "A") for the Geauga County Planning Commission to apply for the Ohio Department of Agriculture's Land Use Planning Grant 2025 to update the 2008 Geauga County Farmland Preservation Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Board understands and acknowledges that only the Board is eligible for the grant and must be the applicant; and

WHEREAS, the Board hereby designates and authorizes the Geauga County Planning Commission and its staff to prepare all materials and submit the ODA grant application; and

WHEREAS, the Geauga County Planning Commission's role and responsibilities regarding the plan update include, but are not limited to, the following: notification to and coordination with local jurisdictions, advertising and conducting all necessary public engagement activities or meetings, drafting the plan, performing all grant reporting updates to the ODA in accordance with grant requirements, performing any other duties as necessary, and providing the final draft plan to this Board for final review and adoption; and

WHEREAS, the Board further understands and acknowledges that the Planning Commission staff will engage and work with the Geauga Soil and Water Conservation District, the Geauga Farm Bureau, and other agricultural non-profits to prepare the plan.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Geauga County Board of Commissioners hereby designates the Geauga County Planning Commission as the agency to prepare all materials and submit the application on behalf of the Geauga County Board of Commissioners for the Ohio Department of Agriculture's Land Use Planning Grant 2025, and that the grant funds will be used to update the 2008 Geauga County Farmland Preservation Plan.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution becomes part of the permanent record of the Board of Commissioners of Geauga County, Ohio.

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

RECORDER'S OFFICE – DISCUSS, REVIEW AND APPROVE FUNDING REQUEST –
FIDLAR AND ADP – IMPLEMENTATION AND COMPLIANCE TO MEET STATUTORY
DEADLINE – ELECTRONIC VERSIONS OF ALL INSTRUMENTS RECORDED ON OR
AFTER JANUARY 1, 1980

Recorder, Celesta Mullins and Frank Antenucci with Automatic Data Processing (ADP) came before the Board to discuss a funding request of \$85,000.00 that will allow the Recorder's Office to come into compliance with Senate Bill 94. Mr. Antenucci explained that Senate Bill 94 was passed in July 2024 and created rules for the Recorder's Office to modernize documents including historical deeds, essentially helping the real estate market by accessing deeds online.

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The requirement is for all deeds back to January 1, 1980, to be available digitally. A portion of the documents have been done, but forty-six years remain. There is a potential for reimbursement, but it is unknown how much funding is available. It was discussed that there are some options available, having Fidar Technologies complete the project at \$85,000.00 or having both ADP and Fidar complete the project at \$63,000.00. Ms. Mullins agreed to having ADP and Archives do the scanning and have Fidar do the posting portion, as it does provide savings to the taxpayers. Ms. Mullins stated that the project needs to be completed before the reimbursement grant can be applied for. Mr. Gorton inquired about clarification on funding for ADP. The \$63,000.00 option includes funding to Fidar and funding to ADP to complete the project.

Motion: by Commissioner Brakey, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to discuss, review and approve a funding request of \$63,000.00 (\$45,000.00 Fidar, \$18,000.00 ADP) for the implementation and compliance to meet the statutory deadline of the requirements put forth in Senate Bill 94 (SB94) to make electronic versions of all instruments recorded on or after January 1, 1980 with exceptions from disclosure pursuant to the O.R.C. and applicable federal and state law.

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

DEPARTMENT ON AGING – WESTERN RESERVE AREA AGENCY ON AGING
CONTRACT – SFY 2026 HEAP OUTREACH PROGRAM

Director Jessica Boalt explained that this contract with the Western Reserve Area Agency on Aging is a reimbursement grant for staff time to handle outreach and assistance to seniors, letting them know the program is available, if they qualify and then helping them to complete the application for the HEAP program. The grant reporting requirements for documentation and tracking are things that they already do daily when they are meeting with seniors.

Motion: by Commissioner Brakey, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Western Reserve Area Agency on Aging contract with Geauga County Department on Aging for SFY 2026 HEAP Outreach program for Geauga Seniors, Age 60 and over, for the period September 1, 2025 through August 31, 2026, in the amount of \$3,409.83.

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

JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES – COMMERCIAL CARD PROGRAM ACCOUNT – J.P. MORGAN CHASE BANK – NEW CREDIT CARD

Director Craig Swenson and Deputy County Administrator Mark Jimison explained that with the new credit card policy in place, they have been working on trying to find a solution that would be the best vendor and options for Job and Family Services to utilize. Mr. Swenson noted that the law changed that now allows credit cards to be used for much more than just overnight travel. Mr. Swenson offered some scenarios, outside of overnight travel, in which it would be appropriate for an employee to have a county credit card. Mr. Swenson noted that this is the first step in the process, and that the Board will still have to sign a formal application.

Motion: by Commissioner Brakey, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve a Commercial Card Program Account with J.P. Morgan Chase Bank for a new credit card with a requested credit line of \$20,000.00 and ten cards, in accordance with Section 7.5, Use of Agency Credit Cards, of the Job and Family Services Personnel Policy and Procedure Manual that once approved will generate a Commercial Card Application and Agreement.

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

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MAINTENANCE – CHANGE ORDER #1 – INCREASE CONTRACT – 5K COMMERCIAL ROOFING, LLC – GEAUGA COUNTY MAINTENANCE BARN ROOF REPLACEMENT

Project Manager Charles Tkach explained that this change order on the maintenance barn roof replacement is for spare material, a redesign of the rafter tail and a change in the installation of the slate. This change uses contingency funds available on the project.

Motion: by Commissioner Brakey, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute Change Order #1, increasing the Contract with 5K Commercial Roofing, LLC for spare material, rafter tail redesign, and a change in slate installation method related to the Geauga County Maintenance Barn Roof Replacement project and authorizing expenditure of owner's contingency funds of \$8,015.95 of the available \$25,000.00, which will leave a remaining balance of \$16,984.05.

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

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – AUTHORIZE RALPH SPIDALIERI, AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE TO EXECUTE – REQUEST FOR PARTIAL PAYMENT #8 – SHOOK CONSTRUCTION COMPANY – MCFARLAND WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

Director Nicholas Gorris explained the request for partial pay request #8 for Shook Construction on the McFarland Wastewater Treatment Plant improvement project, noting that a good portion of this project is being paid using ARPA funds.

Motion: by Commissioner Brakey, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and authorize Ralph Spidalieri, authorized representative, to execute the Request for Partial Payment #8 for Shook Construction Company for the McFarland Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements Project in the amount of \$914,815.29. This request will be paid in full using ARPA funds.

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

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – SERVICE CONTRACT AGREEMENT – HANNON ELECTRIC COMPANY

Mr. Gorris asked the Board to approve a service contract with Hannon Electric Company for programming services and repairs at the McFarland Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Motion: by Commissioner Brakey, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute the service Contract Agreement with Hannon Electric Company to perform 25 days of onsite PLC/HMI/SCADA programming services for the McFarland Wastewater Treatment Plant and Electrical work including motor and blower service and repairs, as needed, at various locations within in the department for a one-year period in an amount not to exceed \$37,000.00 (\$32,000.00 Annual Cost of PLC/HMI/SCADA programming services billed \$8,000.00 per Quarter and \$5,000.00 for as needed motor/blower electric work).

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

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – ACKNOWLEDGE PARKMAN TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES WITHDRAWAL OF ITS OBJECTION TO THE LIQUOR PERMIT REQUESTED BY TORRESS LLC, TACOS422- WITHDRAW THE COUNTY'S OBJECTION AND REQUEST FOR HEARING

Clerk Christine Blair asked the Board to acknowledge that the Parkman Township Trustees have withdrawn their objection and to concur with that withdrawal. It was noted that after conferring with the Building Department, it seemed to be a lack of communication with the Trustees on the overall project.

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Motion: by Commissioner Brakey, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to acknowledge Parkman Township Trustees withdrawal of its objection to the Liquor Permit requested by TORRESS LLC, TACOS422 located at 16220 Main Market Road, Parkman, Ohio (OCT NEW 10011242-1) and to also withdraw the County's objection to the liquor permit request and request for hearing.

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

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – EMPLOY MAZANEC, RASKIN AND RYDER CO., LPA – CONTINUED REPRESENTATION CONCERNING THE DEFENSE OF MANDAMUS AND PROCEDENDO ACTIONS PENDING ELEVENTH DISTRICT COURT OF APPEALS – STATE OF OHIO EX REL. JUDGE TIMOTHY GRENDALL V. GEAUGA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ET AL

Motion: by Commissioner Brakey, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to employ Mazanec, Raskin and Ryder Co., L.P.A. for continued representation concerning the defense of the mandamus and procedendo actions pending in the Eleventh District Court of Appeals to wit: State of Ohio ex rel. Judge Timothy Grendell v. Geauga County Board of Commissioners et al., case number 25G0028 pursuant to R.C. 309.09 (C) and further approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Hourly Fee Agreement with the law firm of Mazanec, Raskin and Ryder Co., L.P.A. since the CORSA coverage has been exhausted in the amount not to exceed \$15,000.00 unless prior approval by the Board.

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

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – LETTER TO CHARDON CITY COUNCIL – REQUEST TO SECURE FIVE ADDITIONAL PARKING SPACES NEAR COURTHOUSE

Ms. Bevan explained that she has been working with Randy Taylor with the Common Pleas Court and Ben Young with the City of Chardon to secure five additional parking spaces near the courthouse during working hours. Ms. Bevan briefly explained the process beginning with the letter today, that they need to follow with the city to formalize this request.

Motion: by Commissioner Brakey, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute a Letter to the Chardon City Council requesting to secure five (5) additional parking spaces located near the Courthouse for County parking purposes during regular working hours.

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

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – PUBLIC COMMENT POLICY

Ms. Bevan noted that there were some comments received regarding the current public comment policy on who would be handling the logistics of public comment and changes to the limit on public comment to streamline the process. A change that is included is that the public no longer need to state their address but only to note the township or municipality. Discussion continued on the public comment policy and included a difference of opinion on the policy.

Motion: by Commissioner Brakey, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve the Amended Version of the Policy on Public Comment during Board of County Commissioners' Meetings, that sets the President of the Board or designee to monitor and enforce time limits for all comments, to be effective February 24, 2026.

Roll Call Vote:	Commissioner Spidalieri	No
	Commissioner Brakey	Aye
	Commissioner Dvorak	Aye

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COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – RESOLUTION HONORING LEADERSHIP GEAUGA 2026 EMERALD LEADER AWARD WINNER, ANN BLAIR

Motion: by Commissioner Brakey, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute Resolution #26-027 Honoring Leadership Geauga 2026 Emerald Leader Award Winner, Ann Blair.

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Resolution: 26-027
Date: February 19, 2026

RESOLUTION HONORING ANN BLAIR
AS THE 2026 LEADERSHIP GEAUGA EMERALD LEADER AWARD RECIPIENT

WHEREAS, since 1995 Leadership Geauga has provided leadership training, civic education, and community engagement opportunities to individuals committed to serving Geauga County; and

WHEREAS, since 2001 Leadership Geauga has annually presented the Emerald Leader Award to an individual, business, or nonprofit organization that demonstrates outstanding leadership and meaningful contributions to the quality of life in Geauga County; and

WHEREAS, Ann Blair, owner of RE/MAX Rising in Burton, is known for her integrity, community leadership, and sustained commitment to service; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Blair has dedicated her time and leadership beyond her professional responsibilities to numerous organizations and initiatives, including The Great Geauga County Fair, Metzenbaum Center, Special Olympics, Chardon Rotary, Burton Chamber of Commerce, Maple Leaf Community Residences, Destination Geauga, Geauga Growth Partnership, and the Geauga County Historical Society; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Blair has strengthened longstanding community traditions through events such as the Burton Holiday Christmas Parade and Santa's Mailbox, the 5K Ugly Sweater Run, Easter Egg Hunts, Maple Splash, and the Rotary Harvest Auction; and

WHEREAS, as a graduate of the Leadership Geauga Class of 2013 Signature Adult Program, Ms. Blair exemplifies the spirit, dedication, and leadership embodied by the Emerald Leader Award; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Geauga County Board of Commissioners hereby recognizes and congratulates Ms. Blair on being named the 2026 Leadership Geauga Emerald Leader Award recipient.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution becomes part of the permanent record of the Board of Commissioners of Geauga County, Ohio.

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

BOARD DISCUSSION

2026 Cost Allocation and matching Maintenance Distribution with the Building Capital Distribution at 50%

Mr. Gorton explained that there are several departments that have a large amount of square footage in the county office building and those departments are charged for that square footage in the cost allocation plan as a building capital maintenance charge. When the County started the allocation on the county office building, maintenance had a very high amount of that cost, and it was decided on the back end to provide a 50% reduction on that charge. Job and Family Services is requesting that reduction in costs. Mr. Gorton was not seeking formal approval from the Board today but rather presenting something for the Board to consider. It was explained that the Cost Allocation charge is not changed, and that when invoices for the cost allocation is done, they include the reduction as credit on the invoice. Mr. Gorton will provide some information on the costs associated with the request.

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Maintenance Work Session – Facilities

Clerk Christine Blair explained that they were looking to hold a work session with Maintenance to discuss facilities, and asked if Thursday, February 26th at 9:00 a.m. was available to the Board to attend.

Motion: by Commissioner Brakey, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to schedule a work session for Maintenance to discuss facilities, to be held on Thursday, February 26, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. to be held in Room B303, Chambers.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

John Shippitilo, Russell Township expressed that he has received some interest in what he has asked about property taxes, stating that he was not running for office, and that he just feels his property taxes are too high. Mr. Shippitilo brought up that it was mentioned that another levy could be reduced, or if the Board could pay his \$100 septic fee, and if the Board has followed up on those. He suggested to the Board that they need to only provide the actual amounts necessary on service contracts instead of allowing extra amounts for future needs. Mr. Shippitilo brought up the Patterson Center, expressing that they should sell it to the fair board or at best, give it to them and save some money.

Christine Stenzel, Munson Township expressed that she had some confusion about discussion and voting on items and how Robert's Rules of Order work. She felt that discussion should take place before a motion is made. Ms. Stenzel inquired about hot topics, and what other options the public will have to talk about things, because she feels she never gets answers.

Newell Howard, South Russell Village asked when Grace Gallucci was coming from NOACA, asking again when she is coming here to answer these questions.

Steven Oluic, Hambden Township made a comment that he was concerned about public comment, that this was the only platform at which they are able to speak and that if Ms. Gallucci does come it should be a public meeting.

Mr. Dvorak expressed that he wanted to clarify that the issue with the Dog Warden was really over a lack of communication, which is now much better, and they are not going to close the Dog Shelter.

DOG WARDEN – EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion: by Commissioner Brakey, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to 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).

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

The Board moved into Executive Session at 10:31 a.m. with Ms. Bevan, Deputy County Administrator Mark Jimison, and Dog Warden Matt Granito. The Board returned at 10:58 a.m. and as a result, no action was taken.

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion: by Commissioner Brakey, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to 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).

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

The Board moved into Executive Session at 10:58 a.m. with Ms. Bevan, Mr. Jimison and Director Rob Weigle. The Board returned at 11:12 a.m. and at first, the Board planned to take

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action; however, because the organizational chart must first be amended to add the additional positions before they can be advertised, no action was taken.

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion: by Commissioner Brakey, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to 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).

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

The Board moved into Executive Session at 11:14 a.m. with Ms. Bevan and Mr. Jimison.
The Board returned at 11:30 a.m. and as a result the following actions were taken:

Motion: by Commissioner Brakey, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve the Regrade and revised job description for the position of Clerk to Commissioners (#1306) from Grade 11 to Grade 13, to be effective February 19, 2026.

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

Motion: by Commissioner Brakey, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve the Regrade of Clerk to Commissioners, Christine Blair from Grade 11, Step 7 to Grade 13, Step 9 (\$36.46 per hour) to be effective February 15, 2026 (Payroll #5).

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

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

- a) A weekly report filed by the County Dog Warden of all dogs seized, impounded, redeemed or destroyed for the weeks ending February 4, 2026, and February 11, 2026, 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 January 2026.
- c) A monthly report filed by the Geauga County Sheriff's Office of an account of expenses for Prisoner Transport for the month ending January 2026, 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 January 2026 pursuant to ORC 135.35(L).

OTHER

The Board reviewed upcoming events.

MEETINGS

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| Mon., 2/23 | Special ADP Meeting, 9:00 a.m., Auditor's Appraisal Conference Room |
| Mon., 2/23 | Family First Council, 1:30 p.m., County Office Building |
| Tue., 2/24 | The Commissioners will hold session at 9:30 a.m. |
| Tue., 2/24 | Gauga Trumbull Solid Waste Management District Board of Directors meeting, 2:00 p.m. Warren, District Office |
| Wed., 2/25 | 9-1-1 Program Review Committee meeting, 9:00 a.m. Gauga County Office Building, Room B303 (chambers) |

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Wed., 2/25 Board of Revision, 9:00 a.m. Auditor's Appraisal Conference Room

Tue., 3/3 The Commissioners will hold session at 9:30 a.m.

BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD

Motion: by Commissioner Brakey, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri, to adjourn the meeting at 11:32 a.m.

Geauga County Board of Commissioners

James W. Dvorak

Carolyn Brakey, Esq.

Ralph Spidalieri

Christine Blair, Commissioners' Clerk

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