

Commissioners' Journal
February 24, 2026

The Geauga County Board of Commissioners met in session on February 24, 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:

Dear Lord,

I put everything in your hands today: my family, my health, my home, my security and all my worries. Thank you for carrying my burdens.

Amen

PUBLIC COMMENT

No one signed the sheet to discuss items on the agenda.

APPROVE FINANCIALS

Budget and Finance Manager Adrian Gorton explained the financials for today as including an Appropriations Transfer from the Auditor in the American Rescue Plan Fund to move remaining money from interagency to infrastructure in order to provide funding for remaining projects; an Encumbrance increase from the Commissioners to Meyers, Roman, Friedberg and Lewis to cover the joint application for outside counsel on the Courthouse News Service case; Travel requests from the Common Pleas Court, the County Engineer's Office and Veterans Services; a payment for the Commissioners Office to the Trumbull County Treasurer for Geauga County's pro rata share of the 11th District Court of Appeals budgeted costs for 2026 in the amount of \$62,966.83; a payment for Water Resources to HDR Engineering, Incorporated for engineering services related to the McFarland Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrades and Renovation project in the amount of \$57,128.33; and a Revenue Certification from the Sheriff in their new Jail Opioid Remediation Grant fund for money they expect to receive in 2026.

There was a brief discussion on the two invoices for NV5 and that they were for the County Office Building and the Courthouse expansion project.

Motion: by Commissioner Brakey, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute Resolution #26-028 itemizing the financials for the meeting of February 24, 2026.

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

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – DISCOUNT THE 2026 COST ALLOCATION FOR THE BUILDING CAPITAL AND MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT CHARGES BY FIFTY PERCENT (50%) ON INVOICES – JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES, DEPARTMENT ON AGING AND DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES

Mr. Gorton provided information to the Board regarding the costs that Job and Family Services was incurring, and after looking over all the numbers following the first discussion, he wanted to include not only Job and Family Services, but also Department on Aging and Water Resources. These are the only three departments that pay cost allocation that are in this building. Mr. Gorton stated that most of the departments within the General Fund do not pay cost allocation. Mr. Gorton mentioned that the Public Defender pays rent for location and Soil and Water also pays rent and they receive reimbursement from the state. The last time this was looked at for Building Capital was fifty percent, and it is based on the depreciation cycle.

Motion: by Commissioner Brakey, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to direct the Budget and Finance Manager, Adrian Gorton, to discount the 2026 Cost Allocation for the Building Capital and Maintenance Department charges by fifty percent (50%) on the invoices for the following departments: Department of Job

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and Family Services, Department on Aging, and the Department of Water Resources and continue to do so from year to year until otherwise directed to do differently.

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

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – REQUEST FOR PARTIAL PAYMENT #30 – INFINITY CONSTRUCTION COMPANY – GEAUGA COUNTY COURTHOUSE EXPANSION PROJECT

Mr. Gorton explained that the pay requests had been reviewed by all parties.

Motion: by Commissioner Brakey, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Request for Partial Payment #30 for Infinity Construction Company, Incorporated for the Geauga County Courthouse Expansion project, GMP Phase #1 and Phase #2 expenses in the amount of \$406,967.97.

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

AUDITOR – TREASURER – MONTHLY STATEMENT OF COUNTY FINANCES – JANUARY 2026

Mr. Gorton asked to accept, execute and file the monthly statement of county finances for the Auditor and the Treasurer for January 2026.

Motion: by Commissioner Brakey, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to accept, execute and file the monthly Statement of County Finances filed by the County Auditor for the month of January 2026, pursuant to O.R.C. 319.35.

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

Motion: by Commissioner Brakey, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to accept, execute and file the monthly Statement of County Finances filed by the County Treasurer for the month of January 2026, pursuant to O.R.C. 319.35.

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

AIRPORT AUTHORITY – REIMBURSEMENT REQUEST #8 – TAXIWAY EXTENSION CONSTRUCTION PROJECT – LOCAL MATCH SHARE

Airport Manager Ric Blamer explained that currently the taxiway extension project is about eighty-eight percent complete and after the spring, they hope to be able to close out the project.

Motion: by Commissioner Brakey, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve Reimbursement Request #8 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 \$113,760.37 (FAA Share \$102,384.33, ODOT Share \$5,688.02 and Local County match share \$5,688.02).

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

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COUNTY ENGINEER' S OFFICE – RESOLUTION TO ORDER THE ASPHALT RESURFACING OF MESSENGER ROAD (CH-0031, SECTIONS B-C) AUBURN AND NEWBURY TOWNSHIPS – EXECUTE TITLE SHEET OF SPECIFICATIONS – SET BID OPENING USING BID EXPRESS

County Engineer Andy Haupt asked the Board to order the asphalt resurfacing of Messenger Road, which includes executing the title sheet and setting the bid opening using Bid Express. This project is located between Stafford Road and Ravenna Road in Auburn and Newbury Townships.

Motion: by Commissioner Brakey, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute Resolution #26-029 to Order the Asphalt Resurfacing of Messenger Road (CH-0031, Sections B-C) in Auburn and Newbury Townships.

This resolution also requests the Board approve and execute the Title Sheet of the Specifications for the same.

Further, this resolution sets a Bid Opening on Friday, March 13, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. using Bid Express at the County Engineer's Office. Notice of this Bid Opening will be advertised on February 26, 2026, and on the county website.

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Date: February 24, 2026

Resolution: 26 - 029

RESOLUTION TO ORDER

THE ASPHALT RESURFACING OF SECTIONS B-C OF MESSENGER ROAD, (CH-0031)
IN AUBURN TOWNSHIP AND NEWBURY TOWNSHIP

WHEREAS, the Geauga County Board of Commissioners (Board) has determined by Resolution 26 - 012 that the public convenience and welfare requires the improvement of Messenger Road (CH-0031), Sections B-C from Stafford Road (TR-0187) to Ravenna Road (SR 44) by constructing and reconstructing culverts, performing drainage improvements, subgrade stabilization, asphalt resurfacing and improving shoulders and related improvements as necessary in accordance with Ohio Revised Code (R.C.) 5555.06; and

WHEREAS lands will not be taken relative to the improvements; and

WHEREAS the cost of such improvement will not be excessive in view of the public utility thereof and no special assessments shall be collected to fund this improvement; and

WHEREAS, the Board, after reviewing the plans with the County Engineer in public session, is satisfied that the public convenience and welfare require that said improvement be made.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board in accordance with R.C. 5555.13 hereby orders that such improvement proceed.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board in accordance with R.C. 5555.022 hereby approves the surveys, plans, profiles, cross sections, estimates, and specifications for such improvement, the costs of which shall be paid from local and/or state funding sources in accordance with R.C. 5555.43.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the Board is hereby ordered to let this project for bids in accordance with R.C. 5555.61. The bids shall be let upon a unit price basis. Bids shall be received until 10:00 AM on March 13, 2026, and read publicly at 10:05 AM.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Board is hereby instructed to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the Auburn Township Board of Trustees, Newbury Township Board of Trustees, and the Geauga County Engineer.

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

COUNTY ENGINEER' S OFFICE – RESOLUTION TO ORDER THE ASPHALT
RESURFACING OF MUMFORD ROAD (CH-0024, SECTIONS E-F) IN TROY TOWNSHIP
– EXECUTE TITLE SHEET OF SPECIFICATIONS – SET BID OPENING USING BID
EXPRESS

Mr. Haupt asked the Board to order the asphalt resurfacing of Mumford Road, which includes executing the title sheet and setting the bid opening using bid express. This project is located between State Route 422 and Patch Road in Troy Township.

Motion: by Commissioner Brakey, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute Resolution #26-030 to Order the Asphalt Resurfacing of Mumford Road (CH-0024, Sections E-F) in Troy Township.

This resolution also requests the Board approve and execute the Title Sheet of the Specifications for the same.

Further, this resolution sets a Bid Opening on Friday, March 13, 2026, at 10:05 a.m. using Bid Express at the County Engineer's Office. Notice of this Bid Opening will be advertised on February 26, 2026, and on the county website.

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Date: February 24, 2026
Resolution: 26 - 030

RESOLUTION TO ORDER

THE ASPHALT RESURFACING OF SECTIONS E-F
OF MUMFORD ROAD, (CH-0024) IN TROY TOWNSHIP

WHEREAS, the Geauga County Board of Commissioners (Board) has determined by Resolution 26 - 013 that the public convenience and welfare requires the improvement of Mumford Road (CH-0024), Sections E-F from Main Market Road (US-422) to Patch Road (TR-0205) by constructing and reconstructing culverts, performing drainage improvements, subgrade stabilization, asphalt resurfacing and improving shoulders and related improvements as necessary in accordance with Ohio Revised Code (R.C.) 5555.06; and

WHEREAS lands will not be taken relative to the improvements; and

WHEREAS the cost of such improvement will not be excessive in view of the public utility thereof and no special assessments shall be collected to fund this improvement; and

WHEREAS, the Board, after reviewing the plans with the County Engineer in public session, is satisfied that the public convenience and welfare require that said improvement be made.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board in accordance with R.C. 5555.13 hereby orders that such improvement proceed.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board in accordance with R.C. 5555.022 hereby approves the surveys, plans, profiles, cross sections, estimates, and specifications for such improvement, the costs of which shall be paid from local and/or state funding sources in accordance with R.C. 5555.43.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the Board is hereby ordered to let this project for bids in accordance with R.C. 5555.61. The bids shall be let upon a unit price basis. Bids shall be received until 10:00 AM on March 13, 2026, and read publicly at 10:05 AM.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Board is hereby instructed to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the Troy Township Board of Trustees and the Geauga County Engineer.

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

COUNTY ENGINEER' S OFFICE – RESOLUTION TO ORDER THE REPLACEMENT OF THE PETTIBONE ROAD BRIDGE (STRUCTURE #0607-01.250) BAINBRIDGE TOWNSHIP – EXECUTE TITLE SHEET OF PLANS – SET BID OPENING USING BID EXPRESS

Mr. Haupt asked the Board to order the replacement of Pettibone Road Bridge, which includes executing the title sheet and setting the bid opening using bid express. This project is in Bainbridge Township.

Motion: by Commissioner Brakey, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute Resolution #26-031 to Order the Replacement of the Pettibone Road Bridge (Structure #0607-01.250) in Bainbridge Township.

This resolution also requests the Board approve and execute the Title Sheet of the Plans for the same.

Further, this resolution sets a Bid Opening on Friday, March 20, 2026, at 10:05 a.m. using Bid Express at the County Engineer's Office. Notice of this Bid Opening will be advertised on February 26, 2026, March 5, 2026, and on the county website.

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Date: February 24, 2026
Resolution: 26 - 031

RESOLUTION TO ORDER
THE REPLACEMENT OF THE PETTIBONE ROAD BRIDGE
(STRUCTURE #0607-01.250) IN BAINBRIDGE TOWNSHIP

WHEREAS, the Geauga County Board of Commissioners (Board) has determined by Resolution 23 - 142 that the public convenience and welfare requires the replacement of the bridge over Aurora Branch of the Chagrin River on Pettibone Road (CH-607), at mile marker 01.250 and the grading, paving, widening, and draining of a portion of Pettibone Road in the immediate vicinity of the bridge in accordance with Ohio Revised Code (R.C.) 5555.06; and

WHEREAS lands will not be taken relative to the improvements; and

WHEREAS the cost of such improvement will not be excessive in view of the public utility thereof and no special assessments shall be collected to fund this improvement; and

WHEREAS, the Board, after reviewing the plans with the County Engineer in public session, is satisfied that the public convenience and welfare require that said improvement be made.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board in accordance with R.C. 5555.13 hereby orders that such improvement proceed.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board in accordance with R.C. 5555.022 hereby approves the surveys, plans, profiles, cross sections, estimates, and specifications for such improvement, the costs of which shall be paid from local and/or state funding sources in accordance with R.C. 5555.43.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the Board is hereby ordered to let this project for bids in accordance with R.C. 5555.61. The bids shall be let upon a unit price basis. Bids shall be received until 10:00 AM on March 20, 2026, and read publicly at 10:05 AM.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Board is hereby instructed to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the Bainbridge Township Board of Trustees and the Geauga County Engineer.

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

MAINTENANCE – APPROVE REVISED ORGANIZATIONAL CHART – INCLUDE
ADDITIONAL POSITION – TECHNOLOGY SUPERVISOR (#1910) AND TWO
ADDITIONAL POSITIONS – CUSTODIAN (#1906)

Director Rob Weigle explained that the revised organizational chart will include an additional position of Technology Supervisor (#1910) and two additional positions of Custodian (#1906). There was discussion about the organizational chart not including names of employees, but rather position titles, so that it would reduce the need for additional revisions. Mr. Weigle asked the Board to allow them to advertise for these additional positions until filled.

Motion: by Commissioner Brakey, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve the revised Organizational Chart to include an additional position of Technology Supervisor (#1910) and two additional positions of Custodian (#1906), to be effective February 24, 2026.

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

MAINTENANCE – ADVERTISE POSITION – TECHNOLOGY SUPERVISOR (#1910)

Motion: by Commissioner Brakey, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to grant permission to advertise for the position of Technology Supervisor (#1910). This position will remain posted until filled.

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

MAINTENANCE – ADVERTISE POSITIONS – CUSTODIAN (#1906)

Motion: by Commissioner Brakey, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to increase the current posting for the position of Custodian (#1906) from two to three positions available. These positions will remain posted until they are filled.

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

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – AUTHORIZE RALPH SPIDALIERI,
AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE TO EXECUTE – OHIO WATER DEVELOPMENT
AUTHORITY FUND PAYMENT REQUEST #11 – MCFARLAND CREEK WASTEWATER
TREATMENT PLANT IMPROVEMENTS – HDR ENGINEERING, INCORPORATED

Director Nicholas Gorris asked the Board to authorize Mr. Spidalieri, the authorized representative to execute the Ohio Water Development Authority fund pay request #11 for HDR Engineering on the McFarland Wastewater Treatment Plant improvement, adding that all invoices have been reviewed.

Motion: by Commissioner Brakey, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and authorize Ralph Spidalieri, authorized representative, to execute the Ohio Water Development Authority Fund Payment Request #11 for the McFarland Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements Project for technical services by HDR Engineering Incorporated in the amount of \$57,128.33.

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

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**COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – RESOLUTION SECOND AMENDMENT – APPROVING
THE USE OF COUNTY CREDIT CARDS – YEAR 2026**

Clerk Christine Blair asked the Board to approve the second amendment resolution approving the use of county credit cards for the Year 2026 that will include additional four cards for the Sheriff's Office and an additional employee at the Maintenance Department.

Motion: by Commissioner Brakey, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute Resolution #26-032 Second Amendment, 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.

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Date: February 24, 2026

Resolution: #26-032

SECOND AMENDMENT

**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE USE OF COUNTY CREDIT CARDS
FOR THE YEAR 2026 FOR AGENCIES AND CARDHOLDERS TO INCLUDE THE
SHERIFF'S OFFICE CARDS AND MAINTENANCE (ADDITIONAL USER),
PURSUANT TO O.R.C. 301.27**

WHEREAS, the Geauga County Board of Commissioners in Resolutions #26-004 and #26-006 (Resolutions) approved the applications for the use of County Credit Cards submitted by the following Agencies for the Year 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Agencies included in the Resolutions are the Auditor's Office, including ADP, Common Pleas Court, including the Drug Court, Court IT and Probation; Clerk of Courts. County Engineer's Office; and Board of Commissioners for the Offices including, Department on Aging, Building Department, Commissioners, Community and Economic Development, Job and Family Services, Maintenance Department, and the Department of Water Resources; and

WHEREAS, by this second amendment the Board desires to further amend the Resolution to include the Sheriff's Office First National Bank Visa, Centerra, Wright Express and Home Depot and an additional employee for the Maintenance Department (Home Depot) account; and

WHEREAS, the Board, pursuant to O.R.C. 301.27, requires those Agencies at the beginning of each quarter to submit estimates of work-related expenses expected to be purchased using the credit card along with the specific appropriation line items from which those expenditures will be made; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Geauga County Board of Commissioners approves the Second Amendment for the Use of County Credit Cards for Year 2026 by those Agencies that have submitted their credit card request applications along with card limits, daily spending per card, monthly spending per card, single transactions limits, daily number of transactions per card, monthly number of transactions per card and the designation of whether the credit card(s) will be issued in the Agency's name or in the name of a specified cardholder, as amended and designated in Exhibit A, attached; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that those Agencies are further required to submit to the Auditor's Office and the Board of Commissioners' Office the forms set forth in the Credit Card Policy for each employee or officer authorized to use a credit card.

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

Exhibit A - Credit Cards Year 2026 – Second Amendment

The Credit Cards shall be issued in the name of the employees or officers listed below under the Agencies/Offices of the appointing authorities or if no employees or officers are designated, in the name of the Agency/office of the appointing authority listed:

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AUDITOR / ADP

Geauga Credit Union Visa – Issued to Auditor's ADP

Account # [REDACTED] 0125

Card Limit - \$5,000.00

Daily Spending Limit - \$5,000.00

Monthly Spending Limit - \$5,000.00

Single Transaction Limit - \$5,000.00

Daily Transaction Limit

Monthly Transaction Limit

Charles E. Walder

Pam McMahan

Frank Antenucci

COMMON PLEAS COURT

Geauga Credit Union Visa – Issued to Common Pleas Court

Account # [REDACTED] -9548

Card Limit - \$6,000.00

Daily Spending Limit per card - \$2,000.00

Monthly Spending Limit per card - \$2,000.00

Single Transaction Limit - \$2,000.00

Daily Transaction Limit per card - 6

Monthly Transaction Limit per card 2

Judge Carolyn Paschke

Judge Matthew Rambo

Dave Lubecky

Randy Taylor

Barbara Powell

Kevin Starrett

Karen Lee

Andrea Hathaway

COMMON PLEAS COURT – DRUG COURT

Geauga Credit Union Visa – Issued to Common Pleas – Drug Court

Account # [REDACTED] -7916

Card Limit - \$6,000.00

Daily Spending Limit per card - \$2,000.00

Monthly Spending Limit per card - \$2,000.00

Single Transaction Limit per card - \$2,000.00

Daily Transaction Limit per card - 6

Monthly Transaction Limit per card – 2

Maureen Maruna

Greg Potts

COMMON PLEAS COURT – COURT IT

Geauga Credit Union Visa – Issued to Common Pleas – Court IT

Account # [REDACTED] 3603

Card Limit - \$6,000.00

Daily Spending Limit per card - \$2,000.00

Monthly Spending Limit per card - \$2,000.00

Single Transaction Limit - \$2,000.00

Daily Transaction Limit per card - 6

Monthly Transaction Limit per card – 20

Velta Moisio

Jeff Maze

COMMON PLEAS COURT – PROBATION DEPARTMENT

Geauga Credit Union Visa – Issued to Common Pleas Court – Probation Department

Account # [REDACTED] 9453

Card Limit - \$6,000.00

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Daily Spending Limit per card - \$2,000.00
Monthly Spending Limit per card - \$2,000.00
Single Transaction Limit - \$2,000.00
Daily Transaction Limit per card - 6
Monthly Transaction Limit per card – 2

Nicole Walker
Danielle Bokar
Matthew Zupancic

CLERK OF COURTS

Geauga Credit Union Visa – Issued to Clerk of Courts
Account # [REDACTED] 1626
Limit - \$1,000.00 per month

Sheila M. Bevington

COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE

Geauga Credit Union Visa – Issued to County Engineer's
Account # [REDACTED] 7830
Card Limit - \$15,000.00
Daily Spending Limit - \$5,000.00
Monthly Spending Limit - \$15,000.00
Single Transaction Limit - \$5,000.00
Daily Transaction Limit - 10
Monthly Transaction Limit - 25

Andrew Haupt
Steven Yaney
Traci Salkiewicz
Shane Hajjar
Jacob Scotese
Kelly Baeslach
Brittany Randles
Nicholas Lowery
Joe Rini
Aubrey Baker
Cameron Gatian
Thomas Goodridge

Lee Thomas
Rick Carlson
Tim Woodcock
Nick Goodrich
Steve Roessner
Tom Ross

Giant Eagle / PNC Bank Visa – Issued to County Engineer's
Account # [REDACTED] 7461
Limit - \$1,000.00 per month

Steven Yaney
Traci Salkiewicz
Aubrey Baker
Brittany Randles

Nicholas Lowery
Andrew Haupt
Kelly Baeslach

Home Depot Commercial Account
Account # [REDACTED] 7611
Limit - \$5,000.00 per month
Joseph Rini Jr. #00038
Matthew Carver #00036
Keith Delfs #00011

Centerra Fuel Card Account - Limit \$5,000.00 per month

Andrew Haupt - #6049
Brent Buell – #6014
Matthew Carver - #6016
Brent Eldred - #6018
Eric Hawk - #6021
Kevin Shea - #6038
Ross McKinstry #6050

Luke Horwatt - #6022
Jerad Howes - #6023
Corey Keeney - #6025
Brian Kingure - #6027
Jonathan Kreuz - #6028
Christopher Villers - #6041
Thomas Ross #6046

Evan Miner - #6031
Connor Packard - #6033
Ronald Quercioli - #6034
Joseph Rini - #6035
Steven Sabol - #6036
Richard Carlson #6015
Tyler Schubert #6037

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Leland Thomas #6040

Nicholas Goodrich #6048

SHERIFF'S OFFICE

First National Bank Visa – (21 cards) [REDACTED] 7015

(8 assigned cards – rest are shared – signed out)

Total Credit Limit \$20,000.00

No limits on transactions – daily /weekly / monthly

Wright Express (82 cards) [REDACTED] -5 (sub card account numbers)

Home Depot (3 cards) [REDACTED] -0003, 0004, 0005

(shared cards – signed out for use)

Centerra – [REDACTED] 085 (shared cards – signed out for use)

First National Bank – assigned cards

Scott Hildenbrand (7064)

Thomas Rowan (7747)

Gary Gribbons (355)

James Jonovich (3267)

David Shaffer (1486)

Donald Seamon (1494)

Matthew Bosworth (1683)

Gregory Bordon (3259)

First National Bank and (Wright Express - #)

Robert Altemus (7163-2)

Heather Anderson

Matthew Baldwin (7162-4)

Eric Bartholomew

Thomas Berigan (7165-7)

Jonathon Bilicic (7181-4)

Gregory Borden (7172-3)

Matthew Bosworth (7138-4)

Charles Brown

Scott Capron

Isaiah Charlton (7176-4)

Philip Cleveland

James Corely

Melissa Cree

Andrew Day (7195-4)

Justin Decavitch

Nathan Dhayer (7186-3)

Heather Eskridge

Matthew Farrar (7709-1)

Rachel Felt

John Fudella (7704-2)

Jennifer Gamiere (7707-5)

Tracey Georskey

Gary Gribbons (4395-1)

Jennifer Hanas

Jason Heller

Scott Hildenbrand (7189-7)

Andrew Humar (7142-6)

Daniel Itschner

Amanda Jonovich (7160-8)

Tracy Jordan (7150-9)

Rebecca Klein

Gary Kracker

Brian Leonard

Jonathan LoPresti (7149-1)

Allison Malchow

Daniel Martin (6706-4)

Andrew Maryash

Sandra McBride

Casey Merrill

Christopher Anderson (7141-8)

Nichole Ansell

Brian Banville

James Bartlett

Christina Bevington

William Boehnlein

Sarah Boslett (7184-8)

Matthew Brickman (7164-0)

Ella Burge

Carmen Centrickio

Julie Christian

John Copen (7199-6)

Paul Cox

Bryan Dawson (7156-6)

Steven Deardowski (7169-9)

James G Dhayer

Joshua East (7158-2)

Justin Falcone (7132-7)

Travis Fasko

Jennifer Fry

Nicholas Gaeta

Jesse Gandolf

Kason Greenwood

William Haines

Sharon Harless (7146-7)

James Hildebrand Jr. (7167-3)

Christopher Holt (7137-6)

Zachary Hupp

Barbara Jeschelnig

James Jonovich (5798-8)

James Kailburn (5113-3)

Erin Knife

Christina Lamtman

David Loomis

Lillian Macek

Michelle Malliski

Jessica Martin

Cassandra Matejka

Thomas McLaughlin (7191-3)

Melissa Metz

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Joshua Mikolajski (7139-2)
Erinne Musacchio (7197-0)
Christina Obrien
James Ours (5801-0)
Eric Pavlick (6704-9)
Diane Peterson
Eric Phillips
Paul Polverine (7161-6)
Richard Potter
Austin Quigley (7196-2)
Robert Ramirez
Michael Reid (7130-1)
Benjamin Rhodes
Thomas Rowan (7188-9)
Lisa Sayre
Donald Seamon (7177-2)
Joshua Shimko
Cody Smith (7174-9)
Matthew Smith
Francisco Tapia
Ryan Taylor
Robert Tropf (7168-1)
Jaclyn Tryon
Timothy Vecchio (7140-0)
Joshua Wendl (7135-0)
Grant Winney
Erik Wright (7708-3)
(Coroner – 3082-4)

Eric Miller (7147-5)
Timothy Oboczky
Erica O'Neill
Matthew Paul
David Peterson
Brian Phan (7153-3)
Tammy Phillips
Vincent Polverine
Randal Primer (7157-4)
Terrance Radcliffe (7183-0)
Joseph Ray (5114-1)
Carolyn Rhodes
Trevon Richardson (7193-9)
Michael Santilli (7131-9)
Michael Scarniench
David Shaffer (7173-1)
Russell Shultz
Jacob Smith (7154-1)
Courtney Speck
Robin Taylor (7159-0)
Christine Tosti
Christopher Tryon
Scott Tyler
Donald Walker (5797-0)
Michael Wilson (7151-7)
Gretchen Wolfe
Jeffrey Raymond (7166-5)

(New Employees - 5800-2, 6707-2, 7136-8, 7145-9, 7148-3, 7152-5, 7155-8, 7170-7, 7171-5, 7175-6, 7178-0, 7185-5, 7192-1, 7198-8)
(Pool – 6873-7, 7133-5, 7143-4, 7180-6, 7190-5, 7194-7, 7705-9, 7710-9, 7711-7)
(Blank – 7187-1)

Board of Commissioners for the Offices of:

Department on Aging

PNC Giant Eagle Visa (3 Accounts – 3 cards) – Chardon, Middlefield, GCOB - [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]-4770, West Geauga – [REDACTED]-4812, and Bainbridge – [REDACTED]-8030

Issued in the name of Department on Aging
Card Limit \$3,000.00 / month – per account
Daily Spending \$1,000.00
Single Transaction Limit - \$500.00
Daily Number of Transaction – 2
Monthly Number of Transactions – 10

Marc's (Marc Glassman) – in house account limit \$2,000.00 - monthly

Centerra (Fuel Card)- account – limit \$3,000.00 / month (for 22 cards)
Daily Number of Transactions – 4 per card
Monthly Number of Transactions – 60 per card

Geauga Credit Union Visa – Issued to Department on Aging
Account - [REDACTED]-1516
(5 cards, Numbered 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15)
Card Limit \$15,000.00 / Month
Cards #12, 13, 14, 15
Monthly credit limit - \$1500.00 Each Card (4 cards x \$1500.00 each =-\$6,000.00)
Single Transaction Limit - \$300.00
Daily Transaction Limit - 2 transactions per day
Monthly Transaction Limit - 8 total monthly – not to exceed a total of \$1500.00 per card

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Card #11
Monthly credit limit \$9000.00
Single transaction \$3000.00 - 2 transactions per day
Monthly Transaction Limit - 8 total monthly - not to exceed the monthly total of \$9000.00

PNC Giant Eagle	
Card ending #4770	
Duane Bidlack	Jeanne Molzon
Jessica Boalt	Ellie Rickard
Deana Catucci	Melissa Wheeler
Nathan Gorton	
Hannah Heinz	
Virginia Lester	
Chris Mackar	
Becky O'Reilly	
Karen Stone	
Card ending #4812	
Christine Bacon	Cathie Wells
Vicki Zanella	
Card ending #8030	
Keri Skrtic	Matthew Samardge

Marc Glassman / Marcs		
Christine Bacon	Duane Bidlack	Jessica Boalt
Deana Catucci	Hannah Heinz	
Nathan Gorton	Virginia Lester	Chris Mackar
Michelle Warren	Becky O'Reilly	Ellie Rickard
Hering	Karen Stone	Bonnie Tayek
Jeanne Molzon	Melissa Wheeler	Vicki Zanella
Keri Skrtic		
Cathie Wells		
Matthew Samardge		

Centerra - Account has 22 cards issued in the Department on Aging
[REDACTED] 6001, 6002, 6003, 6005, 6006, 6007, 6008, 6009, 6010, 6011, 6012, 6013, 6014, 6015, 6016, 6017, 6018, 6019, 6032, 6033, 6034, 6035
Cards are per vehicle, not per person, with approved users as follows

Christine Bacon	Kristen Bibby	Duane Bidlack
Jessica Boalt	Rudy Breunig	Josh Burton
Nathan Gorton	Michelle Warren	
Hannah Heinz	Hering	
Virginia Lester	Michael Niles	Becky O'Reilly
Bill Phillips	Ellie Rickard	Elizabeth Sanders
Keri Skrtic	Karen Stone	Shaun Strand
Sandi Strichko	Jeff Thomas	Melissa Wheeler
Kim Yonosik	Vicki Zanella	Matthew Samardge
Chris Mackar	Jason Nelson	

Geauga Credit Union Visa		
Card #11		
Duane Bidlack	Jessica Boalt	Rudy Breunig
Josh Burton	Jason Nelson	Karen Stone
Melissa Wheeler	Michelle Warren	
Hering		
Card #12		
Rebecca O'Reilly	Ellie Rickard	
Card #13		
Hannah Heinz		
Card #14		
Keri Skrtic		
Card #15		
Christine Bacon	Vicki Zanella	

Building Department
Geauga Credit Union Visa – Issued to Building
Account # [REDACTED] 9638
Card Limit \$3,000.00
Daily Spending - \$3,000.00
Monthly Spending - \$3,000.00
Single Transaction Limit - \$3,000.00

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Daily Transaction Limit – 10
Monthly Transaction Limit - 20

Dan Spada
Mike Davet
Doreen Eppich

Staples Account
Account # [REDACTED] 40537
Office Supplies

Dan Spada
Mike Davet
Doreen Eppich

Commissioner's Office

Geauga Credit Union Visa – Issued to Board of Commissioners
Account # [REDACTED] -8127
Card limit - \$4,000.00
Daily Spending Limit - \$4,000.00
Monthly Spending Limit - \$4,000.00
Single Transaction Limit - \$4,000.00
Daily Number Transactions – 10
Monthly Number Transactions - 50

Geauga Credit Union Visa			
James W. Dvorak	Carolyn Brakey	Ralph Spidalieri	Amy Bevan
Christine Blair	Mark Jimison	Kathy Hostutler	Megan Erickson
Deborah Ashburn	Adrian Gorton	Kerry Barson	

Board of Commissioners for the Community & Economic Development

Geauga Credit Union Visa – Issued to Community & Economic Development
Account # [REDACTED] 7431
Card Limit - \$1,500.00
Daily Spending - \$1,000.00
Monthly Spending - \$1,500.00
Single Transaction Limit - \$1,000.00
Daily Number Transactions – 5
Monthly Number Transactions - 20

Gina Hofstetter
Elaine Malkamaki

Board of Commissioners for the Department of Job and Family Services

Geauga Credit Union Visa	\$7,500.00 / month
Account # [REDACTED] 7251	
PNC Giant Eagle Visa	\$1,000.00 / month
Account # [REDACTED] -5912	
Wright Express (WEX) Fleet	\$5,000.00 / month
Account # [REDACTED] -5	
Single Transaction Limit - \$1,000.00	
Daily Limit - \$2,420.00	

Geauga Credit Union Visa		
Misty Gotham	Gina Gubanyor (Schultz)	John Kravetz
Lisa Milgate	Paul Reiman	Alyssa Steinhoff
Craig Swenson		

PNC Giant Eagle
Rachael Brown (Tetlow)
Lisa DiFini
Brook Dowling (Bourdeau)
Amy Fazi (Buresch)

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Misty Gotham
Gina Gubanyor (Schultz)
John Kravetz
Cassandra Kuharik
Cheryl Morgan
Alyssa Steinhoff
Kelly Thurling

Wright Express (WEX) Fleet			
Leslie Abbuhl	Heidi Abrams	Lori Babik	Jillian Barath
Dawn Bates	Kelly Bidlack	James Blazey	Matthew Blevens
Scott Christopher	Michelle Cmnt	Aron Cooper	Haley Cruikshank
Marleen DeMarco	Brooke Dowling (Bourdeau)		Amy Fazi (Buresch)
Todd Foreman	Alyssa Forman	Misty Gotham	Gina Gubanyor (Schultz)
Ashley Higgenbotham		Allie Hulsmann	Molly Johnson
Tim Kehres	Alex Koppel	John Kravetz	Cassandra Kuharik
Melanie Lacy (Becker)		Susan Legg	Pauline Loveland
Camryn Lutz	Kylie McCann	Heather McGhee	Peter Medved
Lisa Milgate	Jodi Miller	Kristina Miller	Casey Mills
Cheryl Morgan	Faith Peters	Amy Piotrowski	Caryn Radcliff
Paul Reiman	John Roberts	Robin Schwed	Patricia Spisak
Alyssa Steinhoff	Craig Swenson	Angela Thielo	Josephine Thomsen
Kelly Thurling	Amy Tressler	James Zock	Colleen Simpson
Natalie Cavolo (Roncagli)		Matt Cebron	Kelly Cinadr (Conroy)
Lauren Clark (Rakocy)		Meighan Griffin	Julie Seline (Dwyer)
Tracy Sindelar (Olszowy)			

Board of Commissioners for the Maintenance Department
Home Depot (Commercial) – Issued to Board of Commissioners / Maintenance
Account # [REDACTED] 1456
Card Limit – \$12,500.00
Daily Spending Per Card – Not to exceed monthly limit
Single Transaction Limit – Not to exceed monthly limit
Daily Number of Transactions – 10 per card
Monthly Number of Transactions – 50 per card
Monthly Spending Per Card -
Rob Weigle #00041 \$5,000.00
Rik Wareham #00009 \$5,000.00
Richard Cox #00039 \$1,000.00
Ken Kovach #00020 \$1,000.00
Connor Loza #00028 \$1,000.00
John Ludlow #00024 \$1,000.00
Paul Ovark #00038 \$1,000.00
Jason Nelson (Aging) #00040 \$1,000.00
Shaun Strand (Aging) #00037 \$1,000.00
Josh Burton (Aging) #00019 \$1,000.00

Board of Commissioners for the Department of Water Resources
Geauga Credit Union Visa (1 card)
Account # [REDACTED] -8232
Issued to Department of Water Resources
Card limit - \$5,000.00
Daily Spending per card - \$5,000.00
Monthly Spending per card - \$5,000.00
Single Transaction Limit - \$5,000.00
Daily Number Transactions – 10
Monthly Number Transactions – 50

Nicholas J. Gorris, P.E.
David Osborn II
Kathleen Miller
Linda Paranish
Home Depot (Commercial) (7 cards)

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Account # [REDACTED] 328
Card Limit - \$3,900.00
Daily Spending per card - \$3,900.00
Monthly Spending per card - \$3,900.00
Single Transaction Limit - \$3,900.00
Daily Number Transactions – 10
Monthly Number Transactions – 50

Nicholas J. Gorris, P.E. #00015
David Osborn II #00006
Ray Farinacci #00007
Dana Maruna #00011
Brian Cain #00013
Shawn Maruna #00012
Robert Carter #00016

Tractor Supply Company – Business Account
Account # [REDACTED] 8125
Card Limit - \$4,000.00
Daily Spending - \$4,000.00
Monthly Spending - \$4,000.00
Single Transaction Limit - \$4,000.00
Daily Number Transactions – 10
Monthly Number Transactions – 50
Ray Farinacci

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – EXECUTE APPLICATIONS FOR AUTHORIZATION FOR USE – COUNTY CREDIT CARDS FORMS – YEAR 2026 – SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND MAINTENANCE

Ms. Blair explained that these applications were for the four cards for the Sheriff's Office, and the additional employee for the Maintenance Department.

Motion: by Commissioner Brakey, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to 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 Sheriff's Office and Maintenance (additional employee).

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

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – CERTIFICATION REQUEST OF QUARTERLY USE OF COUNTY CREDIT CARDS – SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Ms. Blair explained that these certification requests are for the Sheriff's Office for all four quarters for the Visa, Wright express, Home Depot and Centerra cards.

Motion: by Commissioner Brakey, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to 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 Sheriff's Office, First National Bank Visa, Wright Express, Home Depot and Centerra.

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

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – RESOLUTION HONORING GIRL SCOUT TROOP #70011 FOR ACHIEVING THE BRONZE AWARD

Motion: by Commissioner Brakey, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute Resolution #26-033 Honoring Girl Scout Troop #70011 for Achieving the Bronze Award, the highest honor for a Junior Girl Scout.

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Resolution: #26-033
Date: February 24, 2026

**RESOLUTION HONORING JUNIOR GIRL SCOUT TROOP #70011 FOR ACHIEVING
THE BRONZE AWARD, THE HIGHEST HONOR FOR A JUNIOR GIRL SCOUT**

WHEREAS, the Girl Scouts are a nationally acclaimed organization known for training young women to build character, citizenship and leadership; and

WHEREAS, the Girl Scout Bronze Award is earned by Junior Girl Scouts, who are in fourth, fifth or sixth grade (Ages 8-12). In order to achieve the Bronze Award, the girls must complete a Junior Journey along with their Bronze Award project, which is done in a local community, as set forth from the National Girl Scouts of the United States of America organization to inspire leadership and contribution to the community; and

WHEREAS, the Girl Scout Bronze Award was earned by Kenston Junior Girl Scout Troop #70011; and

WHEREAS, Junior Girl Scout Troop #70011 earned their Animal Habitat, Camper and EcoCamper badges while earning their Bronze Award by working with the Moebius Nature Center in Aurora, Ohio. The Troop gathered supplies and worked to remove invasive plants and weeds to clean-up and restore the bird-feeding area at the nature center. Junior Girl Scout Troop #70011 Award recipients are Dahlia Freeman, Meara Hanson, Regan Hudak, Charlotte Bosher, Jocelyn Young, Brooke Obradovic and Lillian Lindberg and is led by Catherine Golden and Melissa Young; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Geauga County Board of Commissioners honor and salute Junior Girl Scout Troop #70011 for service to their community and to the Girl Scouts of the United States of America.

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

**COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – RESOLUTION HONORING GIRL SCOUT TROOP #70435
FOR ACHIEVING THE BRONZE AWARD**

Motion: by Commissioner Brakey, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute Resolution #26-034 Honoring Girl Scout Troop #70435 for Achieving the Bronze Award, the highest honor for a Junior Girl Scout.

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Resolution: #26-034
Date: February 24, 2026

**RESOLUTION HONORING JUNIOR GIRL SCOUT TROOP #70435 FOR ACHIEVING
THE BRONZE AWARD, THE HIGHEST HONOR FOR A JUNIOR GIRL SCOUT**

WHEREAS, the Girl Scouts are a nationally acclaimed organization known for training young women to build character, citizenship and leadership; and

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WHEREAS, the Girl Scout Bronze Award is earned by Junior Girl Scouts, who are in fourth, fifth or sixth grade (Ages 8-12). In order to achieve the Bronze Award, the girls must complete a Junior Journey along with their Bronze Award project, which is done in a local community, as set forth from the National Girl Scouts of the United States of America organization to inspire leadership and contribution to the community; and

WHEREAS, the Girl Scout Bronze Award was earned by Kenston Junior Girl Scout Troop #70435; and

WHEREAS, Junior Girl Scout Troop #70435 earned their Bronze Award by setting up a pop tab donation drive at Kenston Middle School that turned into a city-wide collection. The pop tabs collected were donated to the Ronald McDonald House. The Troop did a snack drive and made Busy Bags for the children and siblings in the hospital and were delivered to the Ronald McDonald House Cleveland. Junior Girl Scout Troop #70435 Award recipients are Aria Catania, Cayleigh Nutter, Evianna DiFranco, Kayla Hanish, Kaylee Conway, Macy Bailey, Natalie Clemens, Penelope Guzman, Stella Browne, Mykelti Ball and is led by Lisa Clemens; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Geauga County Board of Commissioners honor and salute Junior Girl Scout Troop #70435 for service to their community and to the Girl Scouts of the United States of America.

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

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – RESOLUTION HONORING SARAH MILLER FOR ACHIEVING THE GIRL SCOUT GOLD AWARD

Motion: by Commissioner Brakey, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute Resolution #26-035 Honoring Sarah Miller for Achieving the Girl Scout Gold Award, the highest honor in Girl Scouting.

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Resolution: #26-035
Date: February 24, 2026

RESOLUTION HONORING SARAH MILLER FOR ACHIEVING THE GIRL SCOUT GOLD AWARD, THE HIGHEST HONOR IN GIRL SCOUTING

WHEREAS, the Girl Scouts are a nationally acclaimed organization known for training young women to build character, citizenship and leadership; and

WHEREAS, the Girl Scout Gold Award is earned by Senior and Ambassador Girl Scouts in ninth through twelfth grade (Ages 14-18). To achieve the individual Gold Award, a Girl Scout must complete two Senior or Ambassador Journeys or earned the Silver Award and completed a journey, that helps solve a community problem, and is set forth from the National Girl Scouts of the United States of America organization to inspire leadership and contribution to the community; and

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WHEREAS, Sarah Miller is a member of Girl Scout Troop #71307, and has excelled in leadership, demonstrating strong organizational skills and a sense of community and commitment; and

WHEREAS, Sarah Miller completed her Gold Award project by planning and organizing the Art Cabin at Camp Ho Mita Koda. Sarah Miller worked with the facilities coordinator at camp and received donations that helped her build storage units and re-organize the art supplies that aided camp counselors when looking for art materials; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Geauga County Board of Commissioners honor and salute Sarah Miller for her service to her community and to the Girl Scouts of the United States of America.

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

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – RESOLUTION HONORING MADELYN FOERSTER FOR ACHIEVING THE GIRL SCOUT GOLD AWARD

Motion: by Commissioner Brakey, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute Resolution #26-036 Honoring Madelyn Foerster for Achieving the Girl Scout Gold Award, the highest honor in Girl Scouting.

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Resolution: #26-036

Date: February 24, 2026

RESOLUTION HONORING MADELYN FOERSTER FOR ACHIEVING THE GIRL SCOUT GOLD AWARD, THE HIGHEST HONOR IN GIRL SCOUTING

WHEREAS, the Girl Scouts are a nationally acclaimed organization known for training young women to build character, citizenship and leadership; and

WHEREAS, the Girl Scout Gold Award is earned by Senior and Ambassador Girl Scouts in ninth through twelfth grade (Ages 14-18). To achieve the individual Gold Award, a Girl Scout must complete two Senior or Ambassador Journeys or earned the Silver Award and completed a journey, that helps solve a community problem, and is set forth from the National Girl Scouts of the United States of America organization to inspire leadership and contribution to the community; and

WHEREAS, Madelyn Foerster is a member of Girl Scout Troop #71307, and has excelled in leadership, demonstrating strong organizational skills and a sense of community and commitment; and

WHEREAS, Madelyn Foerster completed her Gold Award project connecting her love with dance and the adverse effects of cognitive disorders. Madelyn Foerster did research and worked with the Metzenbaum Center to identify ADHD, Autism and Alzheimer's. Madelyn Foerster, came up with a curriculum and with help from her team, created videos that

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demonstrated that curriculum and the exercises, and once completed were delivered to Metzenbaum; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Geauga County Board of Commissioners honor and salute Madelyn Foerster for her service to her community and to the Girl Scouts of the United States of America.

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

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – RESOLUTION HONORING BRYNN KRAKE FOR ACHIEVING THE GIRL SCOUT GOLD AWARD

Motion: by Commissioner Brakey, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute Resolution #26-037 Honoring Brynn Krahe for Achieving the Girl Scout Gold Award, the highest honor in Girl Scouting.

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Resolution: #26-037

Date: February 24, 2026

RESOLUTION HONORING BRYNN KRAHE FOR ACHIEVING THE GIRL SCOUT GOLD AWARD, THE HIGHEST HONOR IN GIRL SCOUTING

WHEREAS, the Girl Scouts are a nationally acclaimed organization known for training young women to build character, citizenship and leadership; and

WHEREAS, the Girl Scout Gold Award is earned by Senior and Ambassador Girl Scouts in ninth through twelfth grade (Ages 14-18). To achieve the individual Gold Award, a Girl Scout must complete two Senior or Ambassador Journeys or earned the Silver Award and completed a journey, that helps solve a community problem, and is set forth from the National Girl Scouts of the United States of America organization to inspire leadership and contribution to the community; and

WHEREAS, Brynn Krahe is a member of Girl Scout Troop #71522, and has excelled in leadership, demonstrating strong organizational skills and a sense of community and commitment; and

WHEREAS, Brynn Krahe completed her Gold Award project by organizing events and raising money that would help retired Greyhounds from Australia find loving homes in the United States. Brynn Krahe began this project volunteering with Greyhound Adoption and with extensive research, planning, help from Racing2Rehome she was able to bring eight (8) greyhounds on that long journey into the United States and to Chagrin Falls; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Geauga County Board of Commissioners honor and salute Brynn Krahe for her service to her community and to the Girl Scouts of the United States of America.

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

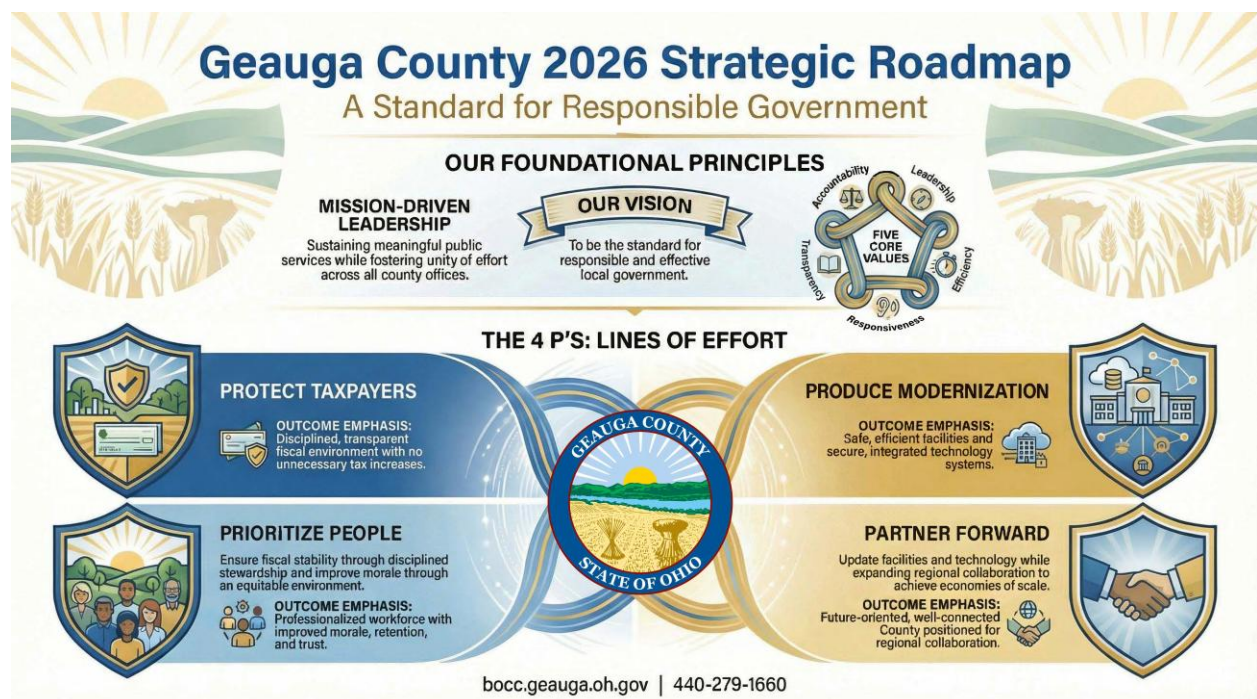
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Roll Call Vote:	Commissioner Spidalieri	Aye
	Commissioner Brakey	Aye
	Commissioner Dvorak	Aye

BOARD DISCUSSION

Ms. Bevan explained that when she was hired, the Board asked her to oversee the day-to-day operations but also to develop and implement initiatives to move the organization forward. Over the past nine months, she has gathered those initiatives into four lines of effort: 1. Protect taxpayers; 2. Prioritize people; 3. Produce modernization; and 4. Partner forward.

These lines of effort are intended to create a clear framework for generating and aligning their work with broader organizational priorities. They are intended to create focus, accountability and forward momentum across the entire organization. The Deputy County Administrator and she have identified several key projects within each line of effort to begin building that momentum. As the County moves forward, we will evaluate all this work through the lens of the taxpayer, how does this make government more accessible, faster and of a higher quality. Our vision is that the culmination of the 2026 efforts will be presented during a state of the county address in early 2027 and present the 2026 accomplishments and set the next set of priorities for 2027. This will also allow the Department Directors to present their respective achievements and future goals. The plan is to begin implementing this plan with the staff.



She recognized that there are day-to-day operations, but that the County is also adding in layers of tasks of priorities to drive the organization forward. This will ask the Directors to look at the work they do, and to take a look at the activity or idea they are doing, does it fit in one of these four areas, and asks them to come up with new ideas.

BED TAX EXPANSION

Ms. Bevan stated that this has been discussed before with Destination Geauga, asking Senior Fiscal Specialist Deborah Ashburn to come forward, noting that HB94 made changes to the definition of a hotel and reduced the number of rooms. The resolution has not been updated since it was approved in 1991 and she would like to get a feel from the Board about where they want to go, reducing the number of rooms from five to one. This will allow staff to prepare the resolution and send it to the Prosecutor's Office for review. Ms. Bevan added that she has asked Destination Geauga to provide historical data on bed tax funding that they have received and how it is used and spent to give the Board a better understanding of what it is used for.

At a recent Destination Geauga Annual meeting, it was noted that the bed tax was stated around \$60,000.00 for the year and they are spending all of it. Ms. Brakey expressed that she feels it should be a level playing field, so that the County is not treating a short term rental with one room differently than a hotel with five or more rooms.

Ms. Ashburn explained that she handles the collection and payment of bed tax. She explained that a list of short-term rentals was provided to her, and she doesn't know what modifying the

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resolution this would generate in bed tax. None of this collection comes to the county, as the county is a pass through. Right now, there are four the county collects from: Bass Lake, Thompson KOA, Punderson and the Club at Hillbrook. Those are \$95.00 for administrative fees for the quarter. If these are Airbnbs and VRBOs, then the list would only expand this list by two, if the payments are going to come from them. The county does need to know what Township they are located in, as Newbury and the City of Chardon are the only two that collect their own additional bed tax. For those that are not collecting their own bed tax, the county calculates their portion and then it is provided. It was noted that Destination Geauga could assist with locating those Airbnbs and VRBOs in the county.

There was a brief discussion on how to manage and monitor this program, what it will cost the county and what really is the return on the time put in. It was expressed that they felt that the county would not know unless it tried it, that other counties are doing it, and that the county is behind in that manner.

PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE – APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT OF LEGAL COUNSEL FOR PROBATE/JUVENILE COURT JUDGE, ROBERT W. BERGER – EMPLOY MCDONALD HOPKINS

Prosecutor Jim Flaiz explained that he has submitted a joint application to the Board for outside counsel. Mr. Flaiz met with sitting Judge Berger and he requested legal counsel and advice regarding some Human Resource and Employment issues regarding court employees. After a brief explanation of the process and potential conflicts, he stated that the joint application is necessary.

Motion: by Commissioner Brakey, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Application for Appointment of Legal Counsel for Probate / Juvenile Court Judge, Robert W. Berger, and employ the firm of McDonald Hopkins.

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

BOARD DISCUSSION

Ms. Bevan explained that Congressman Joyce has opened the portal for FY2027 Community Project Funding, and initial requests are to be submitted by March 6. Ms. Bevan wanted to get a feel from the Board about applying for these funds. This grant provides local governments and 501(c)(3) organizations with the opportunity to submit project requests for consideration to address the most pressing needs in northeast Ohio. The process appears to be to submit basic information about the request and then they review and reach out for additional information. Ms. Bevan provided some overall ideas of projects that could be submitted, that included emergency service, water and sewer line relocation and senior center needs. Ms. Brakey suggested reaching out to the office for feedback about the projects they might have interest in, adding that the State Budget Capital request is also coming due.

PUBLIC COMMENT

A reminder was given that the revised public comment policy has taken effect, allowing three minutes per speaker.

Dr. Michael Macquire, from Chesterland stated that he has been a resident since 1990, and wanted to speak about the contract with the Sheriff and ICE. Dr. Macquire brought up incidents about ICE agents and how they treat people, not specifically to Geauga County and Sheriff Hildenbrand. Dr. Macquire expressed his concern over ICE, mentioning children being separated from their parents, denied medical care and deported.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE – EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion: by Commissioner Brakey, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to move into Executive Session for the purpose of preparing for, conducting, or reviewing negotiations or bargaining sessions with public employees concerning their compensation or other terms and conditions of their employment, pursuant to O.R.C. 121.22 (G)(4).

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

The Board moved into Executive Session at 10:24 a.m. with Ms. Bevan, Sheriff Hildenbrand, Chief Deputy Tom Rowan and Deputy County Administrator Mark Jimison. The Board returned at 10:48 a.m. and as a result, no action was taken.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

- a) A weekly report filed by the County Dog Warden of all dogs seized, impounded, redeemed or destroyed for the week ending February 18, 2026, as required by O.R.C. 955.12.

OTHER

The Board reviewed upcoming events.

Mr. Dvorak explained that he is the chairman of Geauga's America 250 committee. The owner of Schoolyard Studios has offered to hold the next meeting and offered each county the opportunity to present information. He just wanted to check that the Board is comfortable working with Archives to get information that can be presented.

MEETINGS

Tue., 2/24 Geauga 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. Geauga County Office Building, Room B303 (chambers)

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

Thu., 2/26 The Commissioners will hold a work session at 9:00 a.m. with Maintenance to discuss Facilities, at the Geauga County Office Building, Room B303

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

Thu., 3/5 ADP Regular Meeting, 1:00 p.m. Auditor's Appraisal Conference Room

Tue., 3/10 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 Dvorak to adjourn the meeting at 10:52 a.m.

Gauga County Board of Commissioners

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