



GEAUGA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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AGENDA

For the Board of County Commissioners Meeting of October 15, 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 will report on financials from October 8, 2026, Resolution #26-157 as approved by the County Administrator pursuant to Resolution #26-003, approved January 6, 2026 to authorize the County Administrator to execute, in case of a lack of quorum of Commissioners and / or if session 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.
3. The Commissioners' Office will report on the items approved October 14, 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.
4. The Commissioners' Office is requesting the Board approve and execute the minutes for the meeting of April 14, 2026.
5. The Commissioners' Office is requesting the Board approve and execute the minutes for the meeting of April 21, 2026.
6. The Commissioners' Office is requesting the Board approve and execute Resolution #26-158 itemizing the financials for the meeting of October 15, 2026.
7. The Commissioners' Office is requesting the Board approve and execute Resolution #26-159 Accepting the Amounts and Rates as determined by the Budget Commission and Authorizing the Necessary Tax Levies and Certifying them to the County Auditor.
8. The Commissioners' Office is requesting the Board approve the replacement plaque to be placed at the Killed in Action (KIA) Memorial on Chardon Square, that will include the name of Cpl. Scheidel, as requested and approved by Geauga County resident, Sue Mullett, the Veterans Service Commission and the New Connecticut Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) and further execute a letter giving authorization for the plaque to be updated and placed.

9. The County Engineer's Office is requesting the Board approve and execute Change Order No. 1 and Final, increasing the Contract with Ronyak Paving, Incorporated for the Asphalt Resurfacing of Bass Lake Road (CH 0023, Sections F-G) in Munson Township in the amount of \$226.00.
10. The County Engineer's Office is requesting the Board approve and execute Change Order No. 1 and Final, decreasing the Contract with Ronyak Paving, Incorporated for the Asphalt Resurfacing of Various Roads including Auburn Road (Section Q) and Thwing Road (Sections A-B) in Chardon and Munson Townships in the amount of \$51,334.70.
11. The County Engineer's Office is requesting the Board amend the motion from September 15, 2026, to reduce the requested amount to read: approve the allocation of Municipal Road Funds in the amount of \$55,000.00 for the Glen Valley Drive Concrete Road Repair project sponsored by the Village of Middlefield. This project is scheduled for construction in 2026 and will repair deteriorated concrete slabs at multiple locations on Glen Valley Drive.
12. The County Engineer's Office is requesting the Board amend the motion from September 15, 2026 to reduce the requested amount to read: certify to the County Auditor the use of \$55,000.00 from the Municipal Road Fund for the Glen Valley Drive Concrete Road Repair project in the Village of Middlefield, pursuant to O.R.C. 4504.04.
13. The Geauga County Soil and Water Conservation District is requesting the Board approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the 2027 Ohio Department of Agriculture – Office of Farmland Preservation Application for Local Sponsor Certification and to continue execution of the Local Agricultural Easement Purchase Program as outlined in the Memorandum of Understanding dated October 13, 2016, between the Geauga Soil and Water Conservation District and the Geauga County Board of Commissioners.
14. The Geauga County Board of Elections will meet at 9:45 a.m. with the Board to discuss the letter submitted to the Board, received on September 25, 2026, regarding parking measures.
15. The Department of Water Resources is requesting the Board rescind the motion from September 10, 2026 that read: approve Contract Change Order #3, increasing the Contract with Shook Construction Company for the McFarland Creek Wastewater Treatment Plan Improvement Project in the amount of \$390,629.24 and further authorize Ralph Spidalieri, authorized representative to execute the Water Pollution Control Loan Fund (WPCLF) and Water Supply Revolving Loan Account (WSRLA) Contract Change Order Form.
16. The Department of Water Resources is requesting the Board rescind the motion from September 15, 2026 that read: approve and authorize Ralph Spidalieri, authorized representative to execute the Request for Partial Payment #15 for Shook Construction Company for the McFarland Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements Project in the amount of \$1,169,338.98 and the Ohio Water Development Authority (OWDA) Contractor's Estimate, and the OWDA Fund Payment Request #15 (loan #11217) in the amount of \$1,169,338.98.
17. The Department of Water Resources is requesting the Board approve the revised Contract Change Order #3, increasing the Contract with Shook Construction Company for the McFarland Creek Wastewater Treatment Plan Improvement Project in the amount of \$390,719.10 and further authorize Ralph Spidalieri, authorized representative to execute the Water Pollution Control Loan Fund (WPCLF) and Water Supply Revolving Loan Account (WSRLA) Contract Change Order Form.

18. The Department of Water Resources is requesting the Board approve authorize Ralph Spidalieri, authorized representative to execute the Revised Request for Partial Payment #15 for Shook Construction Company for the McFarland Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements Project in the amount of \$1,169,338.98 and the Ohio Water Development Authority (OWDA) Contractor's Estimate.
19. The Department of Water Resources is requesting the Board approve and authorize Ralph Spidalieri, authorized representative to execute the Ohio Water Development Authority Fund Payment Request #19 for the McFarland Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvement Project for technical services by HDR Engineering, Incorporated in the amount of \$46,504.95.
20. The Department of Water Resources is requesting the Board approve and execute Contract Maintenance Form #1 with S. A. Comunale, Incorporated to extend the service Contract Agreement from August 2025 by 365 days through August 6, 2027, and increase the service contract amount by \$1,000.00 for a new not to exceed amount of \$2,500.00.
21. The Commissioners' Office is requesting the Board accept the resignation of Gina Hostetter, Director of Community and Economic Development (#1410) to be effective November 5, 2026.
22. The Commissioners' Office is requesting the Board approve the plaque for the Geauga County Courthouse Addition project and further approve the expenditure of \$4,583.00 plus shipping.
23. The Commissioners' Office is requesting the Board approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Stefanik Iosue and Associates Fee Agreement to provide the Commissioners' Office, labor relations, human resources litigation and / or other legal counseling services, in an amount not to exceed \$15,000.00, without prior approval by the Board.
24. **Board Discussion** – Minutes – a way forward to bring current - simplified with limited detail since meetings are live with recording available, or detailed to maintain description of the discussion
25. **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.
26. The Commissioners' Office is requesting the Board move into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the compensation of public employees, pursuant to O.R.C. 121.22 (G)(1).
27. The Commissioners' Office is requesting the Board move into Executive Session for the purpose of considering the sale of property at competitive bidding, or the sale or other disposition of unneeded, obsolete, or unfit-for-use property, if premature disclosure of information would give an unfair competitive or bargaining advantage to a person whose personal, private interest is adverse to the general public interest, pursuant to O.R.C. 121.22 (G)(2).
28. The Board will recess until 1:00 p.m., where it will reconvene at the corner of Ravenna Road and Merritt Road for the America 250 Heritage Tree Dedication.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

- a) A weekly report filed by the County Dog Warden of all dogs seized, impounded, redeemed or destroyed for the week ending September 30, 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 September 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 September 2026, as required by O.R.C. 325.07.

MEETINGS

Thu., 10/15 Planning Commission, 7:30 a.m. County Office Building, Room B167-168, First Floor

Thu., 10/15 Special ADP Meeting, 1:00 p.m. Auditor's Appraisal Conference Room

Mon., 10/19 Family First Council, 1:30 p.m. County Office Building, Suite B168

Tue., 10/20 The Commissioners will hold session at 9:30 a.m.

Tue., 10/27 The Commissioners will hold session at 9:30 a.m.

Tue., 11/3 The Commissioners will hold session at 9:30 a.m.

Tue., 11/10 Planning Commission, 7:30 a.m. County Office Building, Room A334, Chardon

Tue., 11/10 The Commissioners will hold session at 9:30 a.m.

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