Commissioners' Journal
March 17, 2026

The Geauga County Board of Commissioners met in session on March 17, 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:

Prayer about St. Patrick
God our Father, you sent St. Patrick to preach your glory to the people of Ireland.
By the help of his prayers, may all Christians proclaim your love to all mankind.
Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever.
Amen

PUBLIC COMMENT
No one signed the sheet to speak about items on the 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 March 16, 2026:

Liquor License:
Concurred with Bainbridge Township Trustees in not requesting a hearing on the Liquor License being requested by Meijer Stores Unlimited Partnership Aurora Meijer Parcel No. 02-421515 located N of intersection of SR 43 and Service Road, Aurora, Ohio (OCT TRFL 05811144-94).

MEETING MINUTES
Motion: by Commissioner Brakey, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute the minutes for the meeting of November 18, 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 Supplemental Appropriation from the Auditor in their General Fund Vendor Licensing Reimbursement account to allow for a payment of vendor licenses to the State; a Cash transfer from the Juvenile / Probate Court General Fund Salaries account to the Unemployment Compensation Fund; Travel requests for the Clerk of Courts and the Recorder's Office; a payment for ADP to Zero eyes Incorporated for the firearm detection system renewal in the amount of $51,015.00; a payment for the Commissioners' Office to Maximus, Incorporated for the 2026 cost allocation plan (2024 expenses) in the amount of $13,000.00; and a payment for the Sheriff's Office to Preston Chevrolet, Hall Public Safety, MPH Industries Incorporated and Upstate Wholesale Supply Incorporated for the purchase and upfitting of six new Chevy Tahoe police pursuit vehicles in the amount of $390,420.04.

Motion: by Commissioner Brakey, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute Resolution #26-041 itemizing the financials for the meeting of March 17. 2026.

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

FARM BUREAU – NATIONAL AGRICULTURE WEEK

Geauga County Farm Bureau Board members including President Bob Rogish, Treasurer Carmella Shale, Board Member Hannah Deliere, and Organization Director Mandy Orahood, presented this item. Mr. Rogish noted that it was National Ag Week and thanked the Board for its support of agriculture through the County Fair, OSU Extension, 4-H, and FFA chapters that are coming online, Farmland Preservation, Soil and Water, and Farm Bureau, both personally and as a board. Most of Geauga County is rural, and Mr. Rogish noted that just because someone does not own or live on a farm does not mean that person cannot support agriculture. Mr. Rogish stated that part of Farm Bureau's mission is to strengthen rural communities, of which Geauga County has many. Farm Bureau supports rural living and wants to see agriculture succeed.

Mr. Rogish explained that Farm Bureau has priorities at both the state and federal levels. State priorities include property tax reform and preserving farmland from being converted to solar farms, energy facilities, and data centers. Nationally, they are focused on passage of the Farm Bill.

Motion: by Commissioner Brakey, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute Resolution #26-042 Recognizing March 15 – March 21, 2026, as National Agriculture Week.

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Date: March 17, 2026
Resolution: #26-042

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING MARCH 15–21, 2026,
AS NATIONAL AGRICULTURE WEEK

WHEREAS, agriculture is at the heart of our daily lives, shaping the world around us in ways we often take for granted, from the food on our tables to the clothes we wear, the fuel that powers our communities, and the materials that build our homes – agriculture touches every aspect of our lives; and

WHEREAS, while we all depend on agriculture, fewer and fewer Americans have a direct connection to the farm. Today, farm and ranch families make up less than two percent (2%) of the U.S. population. Despite this, they work tirelessly to produce the safest, most abundant, and most affordable food supply in the world. Each American farmer feeds more than 169 people – a remarkable increase from just 25 in the 1960s, ensuring that families across our nation and beyond have access to the food and fiber they need; and

WHEREAS, agriculture is more than fields and barns; it's innovation, science and a thriving economic driver. It supports millions of jobs in food production, processing, transportation and retail, making it a powerhouse industry that sustains both rural and urban communities. As our global population grows, the importance of American agriculture will only continue to rise, fueling progress and prosperity for generations to come; and

WHEREAS, agriculture also plays an important role here in Geauga County, with 1,133 farms totaling 66,881 acres of land that is farmed for crops, livestock and other products. Top agriculture producers include maple syrup, hay, equine and Christmas trees; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Geauga County Board of Commissioners hereby recognizes March 15-21, 2026, as National Agriculture Week and encourages all citizens of Geauga County to take a moment to appreciate the farmers and agricultural professionals who make our lives better every single day. Their dedication feeds us, clothes us and builds our future, and that's something worth celebrating; and

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

ADP BOARD – RESOLUTION TO GRANT APPROVAL TO THE AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING BOARD TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT – THOMPSON TOWNSHIP

Frank Antenucci with the Automatic Data Processing (ADP) Board asked the Board to approve a resolution that grants approval for ADP to enter into an agreement with Thompson Township for ADP services. There was a brief discussion about many townships are currently working with ADP and that only a few are not under agreement.

Motion: by Commissioner Brakey, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute Resolution #26-043 to Grant Approval to the Geauga County Automatic Data Processing (ADP) Board to enter into an Agreement with the Legislative Authority of the Township of Thompson, pursuant to O.R.C. 307.847(E), to provide microfilming, automatic data processing, or other image processing or electronic data processing or record-keeping services.

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Date: March 17, 2026
Resolution: #26-043

Resolution by the Geauga County Board of Commissioners to Grant Approval to the Geauga County Automatic Data Processing Board to Enter into an Agreement with the Legislative Authority of the Township of Thompson pursuant to R.C. 307.847(E)

WHEREAS, pursuant to R.C. 307.847(E), with the approval of the Board of County Commissioners, the Geauga County Automatic Data Processing Board may enter into a contract with the legislative authority of any municipal corporation, township, port authority, water or sewer district, school district, library district, county law library association, health district, park district, soil and water conservation district, conservancy district, other taxing district, or regional council established under Chapter 167. of the Revised Code, or with the board of county commissioners or the automatic data processing board or microfilming board of any other county, or with any other federal or state governmental agency, and such authorities may enter into contracts with the Geauga County Automatic Data Processing Board to provide microfilming, automatic data processing, or other image processing or electronic data processing or record-keeping services to any of them; and

WHEREAS, the Geauga County Automatic Data Processing Board seeks to enter into an agreement for services with the legislative authority of the Township of Thompson, Geauga County, Ohio ("the Township") to provide microfilming, automatic data processing, or other image processing or electronic data processing or record-keeping services to the Township; and

WHEREAS, a copy of the proposed agreement between the Geauga County Automatic Data Processing Board and the Township is attached hereto as Exhibit A to this Resolution.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, pursuant to R.C. 307.847(E) the Geauga County Board of Commissioners hereby grant approval to the Geauga County Automatic Data Processing Board to enter into an agreement for services with the Township to provide microfilming, automatic data processing, or other image processing or electronic data processing or record-keeping services to the Township; and

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

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

COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE – APPROVE ALLOCATION OF MUNICIPAL ROAD FUNDS – RESURFACING PROJECT – CITY OF CHARDON – CERTIFY TO COUNTY AUDITOR USE OF MUNICIPAL ROAD FUNDS - $307,800.00

County Engineer Andy Haupt and City Manager Ben Young came before the Board to request an allocation of Municipal Road Funds to repair and resurface primarily Allynd Boulevard and Tilden Avenue in the City of Chardon. The project is scheduled for completion in 2026. A question was raised as to whether the Prosecutor's Office had been consulted about the project. Chief Deputy Engineer Traci Salkiewicz replied that correspondence had occurred by email regarding the project and noted that the determination was up to the Engineer's Office but that she felt the project did meet the requirements under the policy.

Motion: by Commissioner Brakey, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve the allocation of Municipal Road Funds in the amount of $307,800.00 for the 2026 Street Repair and Resurfacing project sponsored by the City of Chardon. This project is scheduled for construction in 2026 and will repair and resurface primarily Allynd Boulevard and Tilden Avenue.

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

Following approval of the allocation of funds, the following action was presented:

Motion: by Commissioner Brakey, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri, to certify to the County Auditor the use of $307,800.00 from the Municipal Road Fund for the 2026 Repair and Resurfacing project in the City of Chardon, pursuant to O.R.C.4504.04.

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

<u>PLANNING COMMISSION – FINAL PLAT – CHAGRIN FALLS PARK, REPLAT OF SUBLOTS 1037 – 1044 - BAINBRIDGE TOWNSHIP</u>
Director Linda Crombie stated that this was the final plat for Chagrin Falls Park. This was a replat of sublots 1037 through 1044 that will create Sublot 1037-R. It was presented and approved at the March 10 Planning Commission meeting, adding that eight sublots are being combined to create one 0.3673 acre lot in Bainbridge Township.

Motion: by Commissioner Brakey, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute the Final Plat for Chagrin Falls Park, Replat of Sublots 1037 through 1044 inclusive, as recorded in Volume 1, Page 60 of Geauga County Records, creating Sublot 1037-R in Bainbridge Township.

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

<u>PLANNING COMMISSION – FINAL PLAT – FRANK W. STANTON'S RIVERDALE ESTATES REPLAT OF SUBLOT 7, PART OF SUBLOT 8 – RUSSELL TOWNSHIP</u>
Ms. Crombie stated that this was the final plat for Frank W. Stanton's Riverdale Estates, for a replat of sublots 7 and part of sublot 8 to create sublot 7-R in Russell Township on Hemlock Point Road. The sublots were combined to create 7.125 acres, and the plat was presented and approved at the Planning Commission meeting on March 10.

Motion: by Commissioner Brakey, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute the Final Plat for Frank W. Stanton's Riverdale Estates Replat of Sublot 7 and part of Sublot 8, creating Sublot 7-R in Russell Township.

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

Sheriff Scott Hildenbrand asked whether anyone had heard the big boom that morning, stating that the Sheriff's Office was receiving multiple reports and that it was being reported as a meteor.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE – OFFICE OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVICES – 2025 VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN ACT (VAWA) PRE-AWARD CONDITIONS – STANDARD ASSURANCE – COMBINED GRANT

Sheriff Hildenbrand and Chief Deputy Tom Rowan explained that this was for the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) grant award, noting that the dates are based on the state calendar years and that the grant periods run through 2026.

Motion: by Commissioner Brakey, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Office of Criminal Justice Services (OCJS) Fiscal Year 2024 and 2025 Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) pre-award conditions and standard assurance forms for a combined Grant amount of $59,414.78, $26,706.06 for FY2024 Grant #2023-WF-VA2-8214a for the period January 1, 2026 through May 31, 2026 and $32,708.72 for FY2025 Grant #2025-WF-VA5-46168 for the period January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026 with a local match from the County General Fund of $17,078.81 (FY2024 $8,901.63 and FY2025 $8,177.18).

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

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – AUTHORIZE RALPH SPIDALIERI, REPRESENTATIVE TO EXECUTE OHIO WATER DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY FUND PAYMENT REQUEST #12 – MCFARLAND WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT IMPROVEMENT – HDR ENGINEERING, INCORPORATED

Director Nicholas Gorris explained that this pay request #12 is for McFarland Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant for technical services by HDR Engineering and that all invoices have been reviewed and approved.

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 #12 for the McFarland Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements Project for technical services by HDR Engineering, Incorporated in the amount of $47,736.39.

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

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES - CONTRACT MAINTENANCE FORM #3 – INCREASE SERVICE CONTRACT – BILL CONTI PLUMBING, LLC

Mr. Gorris explained that this service contract maintenance form #3 would increase the service contract agreement with Bill Conti Plumbing by $15,000.00 for backflow testing and extend the contract for an additional year.

Motion: by Commissioner Brakey, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute Contract Maintenance Form #3, increasing the Service Contract with Bill Conti Plumbing, LLC for backflow testing and as needed plumbing services in the amount of $15,000.00 and extending the contract for an additional year for a new not to exceed amount of $28,500.00.

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

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – APPROVE REVISED ORGANIZATIONAL CHART – INCLUDE ADDITION – WASTEWATER PLANT OPERATOR I (#2326) AT MCFARLAND WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT

Mr. Gorris asked to revise the organizational chart to include an additional Wastewater Plant Operator I at the McFarland Wastewater Treatment Plant, adding that this is to get the technician in place as the new plant comes online. There was a brief discussion about the layout of the organizational chart and how it could be improved.

Motion: by Commissioner Brakey, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve the revised Organizational Chart to include the addition of a Wastewater Plant Operator I (#2326) position at the McFarland Wastewater Treatment Plant, to be effective March 17, 2026.

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

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – ADVERTISE POSITION – WASTEWATER OPERATOR I (#2326) – INTERNAL FIVE DAYS – NO CANDIDATE – EXTERNAL UNTIL FILLED

Mr. Gorris asked to advertise for the position of Wastewater Operator I, that includes an internal posting for five days and if no internal candidate is found, then it will be advertised externally until the position is filled.

Motion: by Commissioner Brakey, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to grant permission to advertise for the position of Wastewater Operator I (#2326) internally for a period of five days, beginning March 19, 2026. If no qualified candidate is found, then advertise externally until the position is filled.

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

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – ADVERTISE TWO (2) POSITIONS – MAINTENANCE WORKER (#2330) -MCFARLAND WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT AND WATER DISTRICT

Mr. Gorris asked to advertise for two positions for Maintenance Worker, with one being for the McFarland Wastewater Plant and one for the Water District.

Motion: by Commissioner Brakey, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to grant permission to advertise for two (2) positions of Maintenance Worker (#2330), one position at McFarland Wastewater Treatment Plant and one position for the Water District. 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 – RE-GRADE POSITION – ASSISTANT WATER SUPERVISOR (#2352) – WR6 TO WR7

Mr. Gorris asked for a re-grade of the Assistant Water Supervisor position from a WR6 to a WR7, adding that this will put the position's compensation in line with the surrounding areas and with the duties of the job description.

Motion: by Commissioner Brakey, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve the Re-Grade of the position of Assistant Water Supervisor (#2352) from WR6 to WR7, to be effective March 17, 2026.

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

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – ADVERTISE POSITION – ASSISTANT WATER SUPERVISOR (#2352)

Mr. Gorris asked to advertise for the position of Assistant Water Supervisor.

Motion: by Commissioner Brakey, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to grant permission to advertise for the position of Assistant Water Supervisor (#2352). This position will remain posted until filled.

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

BERKSHIRE LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT – OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOLS SIDEWALKS GRANT

Director of Professional Learning and Community Outreach Vanessa Povozhaev explained that over the past year and four months, Berkshire Local School District has worked in close collaboration with Commissioner Dvorak, County Engineer Andy Haupt, Burton Township and Burton Village leaders, the JEDD and Tool Design Group License Engineers and Consultants through the Ohio Department of Transportation to strengthen the Safe Routes to School Travel Plan. Through the Process, several safety concerns were identified, including that sidewalks are limited, high vehicle speeds, high traffic volumes (including large trucks), and pedestrian and bicycle accidents in the area.

Ms. Povozhaev asked the Board for its support and for the County to serve as applicant and fiscal agent for the Ohio Department of Transportation Safe Routes to Schools Sidewalks Grant in the amount of $970,000.00, noting that the grant funding had increased from $500,000.00 to $1 million this year. She identified the areas where sidewalks would be installed under the grant proposal and noted that this would be phase one of potentially three phases. She stated that this would not only improve student safety but also improve connectivity to the Village of Burton and the Berkshire and Kent State campuses. The District had prepared all the aspects of the grant application, but the County's participation as the roadway authority was required for eligibility.

Commissioner Brakey noted that she had read the application and that it stated the LPA is required to cover the full cost of any project overages. Because the County would be the LPA, this was a red flag for her, and she stated that another agreement would be needed requiring the school to cover those costs rather than the County. Discussion continued about the terms of the application and the requirement that the County not only serve as the applicant but also administer the grant, and whether the County had sufficient staff capacity to do so.

Ms. Povozhaev briefly explained that she has reached out to the state about the grant and how they can work on adjusting who is responsible and submit a request to make changes, and that she had researched other areas that had received this grant and the resulting safety improvements in those areas. The Board identified areas of concern for which they wanted additional information, and it was noted that Ms. Povozhaev would provide those answers to the Board.

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – ADOPT CYBER FRAUD INTERNAL CONTROLS POLICY

Ms. Bevan explained that following a recent training with fiscal staff, it was suggested that an internal controls policy be considered and put into place. This policy is in addition to the Cyber Security training and gives departments the option to impose additional requirements if they choose to. Ms. Brakey noted that the Ohio Auditor of State has recently begun issuing findings for recovery against public employees when taxpayer funds are lost through cyber fraud and required safeguards are not followed.

Motion: by Commissioner Brakey, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to adopt the Cyber Fraud Internal Controls Policy and include in the Geauga County Personnel Policy and Procedure Manual, to be effective March 17, 2026.

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

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – APPROVE PLACEMENT, ASSIGN LOCATION TO PREVIOUSLY APPROVED POLICIES INTO COUNTY PERSONNEL POLICY AND PROCEDURE MANUAL

Ms. Bevan asked to assign locations to the Personnel Policy and Procedure Manual for several policies, some of which had been previously approved.

Motion: by Commissioner Brakey, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve the placement, assigning a location, to previously approved policies into the Geauga County Personnel Policy and Procedure Manual, including the credit card policy, cyber security, and electronic signature policy, to be effective March 17, 2026.

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

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE - SCHEDULE TO HOLD WORK SESSION – COUNTY OFFICE BUILDING – APRIL 2, 2026, JUNE 4, 2026, AND JULY 9, 2026

Ms. Bevan asked to approve scheduling and holding work sessions in the coming months. This does not include May, due to budget hearings.

Motion: by Commissioner Brakey, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to schedule and hold Work Sessions at the County Office Building, in Room B303, Chardon at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, April 2, 2026, Thursday, June 4, 2026, and on Thursday, July 9, 2026.

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

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – APPOINT CHRIS ALUSHEFF – GEAUGA COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH AND RECOVERY SERVICES BOARD

Motion: by Commissioner Brakey, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to appoint Chris Alusheff to the Geauga County Mental Health and Recovery Services Board to fill the unexpired term of Mr. Holden, effective March 17, 2026, through June 30, 2026.

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

BOARD DISCUSSION

County Engineer's Building Improvement Projects

Deputy County Administrator Mark Jimison and County Engineer Andy Haupt explained that the Engineer's Office needs to do repairs on the roof and boiler system. The Engineer's Office has funding to cover the costs of the projects; however, the Board is the owner of the buildings. Mr. Haupt stated that the Engineer's Office was asking the Board for permission to complete the projects on the building but was not requesting funding. There is a leak in the roof of the newer office portion of the building and a similar leak in the maintenance garage area. The Engineer's Office needs to investigate and make the repairs; however, because it is considered a tenant in the building, they were making the Board aware of the issues and the planned repairs.

Statutory Group for Improvement at the Geauga County Safety Center – Roof Upgrade

Mr. Jimison explained that improvements to a jail or court require a meeting of a statutory group. The meeting was planned for the following week during session, and information and notice of the meeting would be provided. He was making the Board aware of the upcoming requirement.

Commissioners Letterhead Options

Ms. Bevan explained that since she had been with the County, there appeared to be multiple logos and letterheads in use, and she asked the Board for input. Communication and Media Specialist Max Yost explained that three logos were in use and that, when he was an intern, he standardized the documents he used. For branding purposes, he would like to see a standard or uniform look across departments. Ms. Bevan explained that the goal was a more modern look and that the more colorful logo being used in the new building could serve as the basis for a new standard. The Board expressed no opposition to the new look and agreed it was a good idea.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Gail Roussey with the League of Women Voters expressed that it was Sunshine Week this week and commended the Board for the work they have done on transparency, including the new public comment policy and the livestreaming option for the meeting.

Newell Howard, South Russell Village, asked when NOACA was coming to Geauga County to explain where the $40 million in gas tax money was going and how it was being spent. He asked each Commissioner whether they planned to call Ms. Gallucci and asked when she would come to answer those questions.

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 10:20 a.m. with Ms. Bevan, Mr. Jimison and Director Jessica Boalt. The Board returned at 10:32 a.m. and Ms. Boalt provided a recap of the executive session. Ms. Boalt said the department requested additional positions, and would advertise them, and could eliminate existing positions later as necessary, and asked for the following:

Motion: by Commissioner Brakey, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve the creation, title and job description for the position of Maintenance Supervisor (#1043) Grade 12, Step 3, to be effective March 17, 2026.

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

Motion: by Commissioner Brakey, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve the creation, title and job description for the position of Assistant Transportation Coordinator (#1042) Grade 8, Step 1, to be effective March 17, 2026.

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

Motion: by Commissioner Brakey, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve the revised Organizational Chart to include the position of Maintenance Supervisor (#1043) and move the existing positions of Chore and Home Safety Coordinator, Chore and Home Safety Project Coordinator and Maintenance Coordinator positions under the Maintenance Supervisor, and include the position of Assistant Transportation Coordinator (#1042), to be effective March 17, 2026.

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

Motion: by Commissioner Brakey, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to grant permission to advertise for the position of Maintenance Supervisor (#1043) internally for a period of five days, with applications accepted from March 23, 2026 through 4:30 p.m. on March 27, 2026. If no qualified candidate is found, the position will be advertised externally until the position is filled.

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

Motion: by Commissioner Brakey, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to grant permission to advertise for the position of Assistant Transportation Coordinator (#1042) internally for a period of five days, with applications accepted from March 23, 2026 through 4:30 p.m. on March 27, 2026. If no qualified candidate is found, the position will be advertised externally until the position is filled.

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

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Motion: by Commissioner Brakey, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to move into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing pending litigation, pursuant to O.R.C. 121.22 (G)(3).

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

The Board moved into Executive Session at 10:37 a.m. with Ms. Bevan, Mr. Jimison and Outside Counsel from Meyers Roman, Amily Imbrogno. The Board returned at 10:56 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 March 4, 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 February 2026.

c) 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 February 2026, pursuant to ORC 135.35(L).

OTHER

The Board reviewed upcoming events.

MEETINGS

Tue.,	3/17	Planning Commission, Special Meeting, 7:30 a.m. County Office Building, Room B167-168
Wed.,	3/25	Board of Revision, 9:00 a.m. Auditor's Appraisal Conference Room
Tue.,	3/31	The Commissioners will hold session at 9:30 a.m. that will include a meeting at 10:00 a.m. of the Statutory Group, consisting of the Commissioners, Sheriff, Judge of the Common Pleas Court, Judge of the Probate Court and Clerk of Courts pursuant to O.R.C. 153.36 for the review and approval of plans, drawings, representations, bills of materials, specifications of work and estimates of the cost thereof in detail and in the aggregate for the proposed Geauga County Safety Center Roof Upgrade Project.
Thu.,	4/2	Work Session, 10:00 a.m. County Office Building, Room B303, (pending above)
Tue.,	4/7	The Commissioners will hold session at 10:00 a.m. in Judge Paschke's Courtroom, Chardon, that will include the Ribbon Cutting on the new Courthouse Expansion and conclude at the Heritage House
Tue.,	4/14	Planning Commission, 7:30 a.m. County Office Building, Room A334, Chardon
Tue.,	4/14	Investment Advisory Committee, 9:00 a.m. County Office Building, Room B303
Tue.,	4/14	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 10:56 a.m.

Geauga County Board of Commissioners

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James W. Dvorak

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Carolyn Brakey, Esq.

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