Commissioners' Journal
May 12, 2026

The Geauga County Board of Commissioners met in session on May 12, 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.

Students from Chardon, Kenston, and West Geauga High Schools led the Board and audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Dvorak read the following prayer:
Let's bow our heads.
In 1962, President John F. Kennedy signed a proclamation which designated May 15 as Peace Officers Memorial Day and the week in which that date falls as "Police Week." That day is specifically set aside to honor and remember the officers that have made the ultimate sacrifice.

To date, there have been around 100 line of duty deaths across the country this year.
We would like to honor those that have fallen.
"Blessed are the peacemakers" for they shall be called the children of God.
Matthew 5:9
Amen

These students are being recognized for their commitment to serve our nation through enlistment in the United States Armed Forces, participation in the Reserve Officers Training Corps at the collegiate level, or appointment to a United States Service Academy.

County Administrator Amy Bevan explained that a new journal was being started today as part of the inaugural day of signing.

Among the many records preserved within Geauga County, few carry greater meaning than this one. This book honors the high school graduates who chose to enter military service for the United States of America. It is a record of commitment, responsibility, and purpose at the moment their paths turned toward service beyond themselves.

Each name recorded here represents a decision grounded in character and discipline. Behind every signature are families, schools, and communities throughout Geauga County that helped form these young men and women through expectations of integrity, work ethic, humility, and respect for country. These values are not abstract. They are lived and carried forward through service.

Some will serve close to home. Others will serve in regions far removed from the place they began. All will do so as representatives of a community that understands service as both responsibility and privilege. In this way, the values of Geauga County extend beyond geography, continuing through the conduct and example of those who go forward.

This record is intended as both documentation and reflection. It captures a moment of decision that will be carried forward through years of service and experience. Long after these individuals have moved beyond their time in uniform, this book will remain as a point of origin and recognition of their choice to serve.

May future readers understand this record as evidence of a continuing tradition of civic responsibility. May they recognize that the strength of a nation is sustained by individuals who choose service with clarity of purpose and commitment to something larger than themselves. And may the legacy of those from Geauga County endure through the example they set.

Established in the year of our Lord, 2026.

Director Michele Pemberton, Geauga County Veterans Services, explained that Geauga County Veterans Services has a challenge coin that serves as a source of pride, carries tradition, and reminds recipients of where they came from. She presented a coin to each student.

Kenston High School Students
Callen Buchanan – United States Air Force Academy. Mr. Buchanan stated that he was committed to serving his country and hoped to become a fixed-wing fighter pilot.

Nathaniel McIntosh – United States Naval ROTC program at the Ohio State University, Marine Corps option. Mr. McIntosh explained that both his parents served in the Navy and that he wanted to carry on that tradition.

Benjamin Beaumont – Ohio Army National Guard.

Chardon High School Students
TJ Adair – United States Military Academy, West Point.
Mr. Adair explained that his dad served a twenty-two-year career in the Army, and he had dreamed of going to West Point since he was six years old, expressing that he was excited to serve and keep the family tradition.

Rilee Dewey – United States Army
Ms. Dewey stated that she was looking forward to starting a new tradition in her family.

Lucas Zelznick – United States Army
Caden Bednar – United States Navy
Lilly Wasley – United States Navy

West Geauga High School Student
Jackson Wickham – United States Marine Corps
Mr. Wickham explained that he was honored and proud to serve and that he wanted to start a new tradition for his family.

Ms. Pemberton recognized the students who had chosen a path of service, sacrifice, and honor by committing to the United States military. She noted that while many graduates are planning the next chapter of life, these young men and women have chosen to serve something greater than themselves, a choice that takes courage, discipline, and dedication. She thanked the families for their support and the values they instilled in their service members and encouraged the students to be proud of joining a long line of Americans who answered the call to service. On behalf of the Geauga County Veterans Service Commission, she congratulated and thanked them for their commitment.

Veterans Services presented each of the students with a certificate and a Geauga County Honor Coin. Ms. Pemberton asked those military members in attendance to stand and be recognized.



PUBLIC COMMENT

Newell Howard, South Russell Village, commented on the students joining the military, the experience of boot camp, the friendships they will make, and his hope of seeing them again one day. Mr. Howard served in the Navy during Vietnam and worked at the Pentagon.

Skip Claypool, Chesterland, expressed that it was a heartwarming moment and, as an Air Force veteran, that it was fantastic to see the students. Mr. Claypool expressed concern about the purchase of the Library Administration Building on the agenda.

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE AND LEASE OF PROPERTY, 12701 RAVENWOOD DRIVE, CHARDON – APPROVE AND EXECUTE REAL ESTATE PURCHASE AGREEMENT – GEAUGA COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY AND GEAUGA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Geauga County Public Library Director Kris Carroll and Department on Aging Director Jessica Boalt presented to the Board a resolution authorizing the purchase and lease of property located at 12701 Ravenwood Drive, Chardon (PPN 13-705027), and the execution of the Real Estate Purchase Agreement. Ms. Boalt stated that the project had been a long time coming and that this was a significant moment for Geauga County seniors. Ms. Boalt provided a short history of how the project reached this point and explained that it would provide stability for a growing aging population, with a place for seniors to go for meals, wellness, and connection. Ms. Boalt expressed gratitude to all those involved in the process and excitement about the project.

Commissioner Brakey expressed support for relocating the Chardon Senior Center and ultimately selling the County's property at 470 Center Street but stated that she could not support the purchase as presented. She cited concerns about committing $3.2 million, substantially above the County's $1.8 million appraisal, particularly given uncertainty surrounding the County's future property tax revenues.

Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute Resolution #26-066 Authorizing the Purchase and Lease of Property, located at 12701 Ravenwood Drive, Chardon (PPN 13-705027), including to approve and execute the Real Estate Purchase Agreement between the Geauga County Public Library and the Geauga County Board of Commissioners for the purchase of real property located at 12701 Ravenwood Drive, Chardon (PPN 13-705027) in the amount of $3,200,000.00 which includes a deposit of $10,000.00 Earnest Money, applied to the purchase price; approve and execute the Lease Agreement between the Geauga County Board of Commissioners (Lessor) and the Geauga County Public Library (Lessee) to lease property located at 12701 Ravenwood Drive from effective date of purchase through June 30, 2027 in the amount of $1.00 per annum with all utilities paid by lessee including maintenance and repairs during term of the lease up to $5,000.00 per each occurrence and further approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute any and all documents relating in any way to the purchase of the Property, including, but not limited to, the acceptance of Closing Protection Coverage in an amount not to exceed $40.00.

Board of Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Date: May 12, 2026
Resolution: #26-066

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE AND LEASE OF PROPERTY

WHEREAS, the Geauga County Board of Commissioners ("Board") deems it in the best interests of the County to purchase real property located at 12701 Ravenwood Drive, Chardon, Ohio (Geauga County Auditor Permanent Parcel Number 13-705027) (the "Property") from the Geauga County Public Library ("Library") for public purposes; and

WHEREAS, the Board shall acquire the Property for the purchase price of approximately Three Million Two Hundred Thousand Dollars ($ 3,200,000.00) with Ten Thousand Dollars ($ 10,000.00) payable in earnest money to be credited against the purchase price; and

WHEREAS, the Board has negotiated a Real Estate Purchase Agreement with the Library, the terms and conditions of which are satisfactory to the Board, a copy of which is attached; and

WHEREAS, the Board has also negotiated a Lease Agreement with the Library under terms acceptable to the Board which will permit the Library to lease the Property from the Board for a one-year period, a copy of the Lease is also attached; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby approves and authorizes the purchase of the Property for the purchase price referenced herein.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board also approves and shall execute the Real Estate Purchase Agreement and the Lease Agreement with the Library.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the President of the Board is hereby authorized, directed and empowered to execute, for and on behalf of the Board, any and all documents required in connection with the purchase of the Property including, but not limited to, escrow documents and any documents necessary to perform the Board's due diligence.

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

APPROVE FINANCIALS

Budget and Finance Manager Adrian Gorton explained the financials for today as including a Cash transfer from the General Fund to Community Development, Metzenbaum and Board of Elections for the 1st quarter 2026 interest transfer; a Cash transfer from the General Fund to the Board of Developmental Disabilities for gas well proceeds from January – March 2026, a Cash transfer from the Revolving Loan Fund to the Senior Center Construction Fund for the purchase of the Chardon Senior Center building; a Travel request for the Common Pleas Court; a payment from the Auditor to Gannett Fleming Geospatial Information Systems Cloud platform in the amount of $206,676.00; a payment from the Commissioners' Office to Chardon Municipal Court ($30,000.00), Fairmount Center for the Arts ($22,000.00) and Red Tulip Project of Geauga ($25,000.00) for the 2026 recipients of the annual grant money from the Opioid Remediation fund in the total amount of $77,000.00; a payment from the Commissioners to Title Professionals Group for the earnest money payment for the purchase of the Geauga County Public Library Administration Building as the next Chardon Senior Center in the amount of $10,000.00; and a payment from the Maintenance Department to Kenneth A. Rodick for the County Barn Roof Replacement in the amount of $102,058.66.

Commissioner Spidalieri brought up for discussion an item that appeared on last week's financials, a purchase for candy and dog treats for the Maple Festival parade.

Motion: by Commissioner Brakey, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute Resolution #26-067 itemizing the financials for the meeting of May 12, 2026.

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

AIRPORT AUTHORITY – RESOLUTION APPROVING GRANT CONTRACT – FISCAL YEAR 2026 OHIO AIRPORT IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM MATCHING GRANT – CONSTRUCT T-HANGAR – PENDING PROSECUTOR APPROVAL

Airport Authority President Chris Schloss, along with Airport Manager Rick Blamer, presented to the Board the request for a grant contract with the Ohio Department of Transportation for matching grant funds for construction of the T-Hangar.

Commissioner Brakey stated that she supported the Airport Authority's efforts to obtain grant funding but was not comfortable approving the agreement before it had been reviewed by the Prosecutor's Office, particularly when portions of the supporting documentation could not be accessed. She therefore voted no in order to allow the County's legal review to be completed before the Board acted.

The motion was made to move forward pending approval by the Prosecutor.

Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute Resolution #26-068 Approving the Grant Contract under Fiscal Year 2026 Ohio Airport Improvement Program Matching Grant for General Aviation Airports between the Geauga County Airport Authority, Geauga County Board of Commissioners, and the Ohio Department of Transportation, Office of Aviation, to Construct T-Hangar 59'x 218' ODOT Project No. B26-61 at the Geauga County Airport and Authorizing the President of the Geauga County Board of Commissioners to execute the Grant Contract on the Board's behalf, pending Prosecutor approval.

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

This item was on the agenda, but after clarification of the above motion, this item was held until approval by the Assistant Prosecuting Attorney.

The Airport Authority is requesting the Board approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Ohio Department of Transportation, Office of Aviation, Grant Contract under FY2026 Ohio Airport Improvement Program Matching Grant for General Aviation Airports between the Geauga County Airport Authority and the Geauga County Commissioners for ODOT Project No. B26-61, Construct T-Hangar – Construction at the Geauga County Airport.

COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE – RESOLUTION TO ORDER ASPHALT RESURFACING OF BASS LAKE ROAD (SECTIONS D-E) MUNSON AND NEWBURY TOWNSHIPS – EXECUTE TITLE SHEET – SET BID OPENING USING BID EXPRESS

Deputy Engineer Shane Hajjar presented a resolution to order the asphalt resurfacing of Bass Lake Road, Sections D-E, in Munson and Newbury Townships, which includes executing the title sheet of the specifications and setting a bid opening on May 29.

Motion: by Commissioner Brakey, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute Resolution #26-069 to Order the Asphalt Resurfacing of Bass Lake Road (CH-0023, Sections D-E) in Munson and Newbury Townships, Geauga County.

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, May 29, 2026, at 10:05 a.m. using Bid Express at the County Engineer's Office. Notice of this Bid Opening will be advertised on May 14, 2026, and on the county website.

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Date: May 12, 2026
Resolution: 26 - 069

RESOLUTION TO ORDER THE ASHPALT RESURFACING
OF SECTIONS D-E OF BASS LAKE ROAD, CH-0023
IN MUNSON TOWNSHIP AND NEWBURY TOWNSHIP, GEAUGA COUNTY

WHEREAS, the Geauga County Board of Commissioners (Board) has determined by Resolution 26 - 014 that the public convenience and welfare requires the improvement of Bass Lake Road (CH-0023), Sections D-E from Butternut Road (CH-0021) to Mayfield Road (US 322) 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 May 29, 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 Munson Township Board of Trustees, the Newbury Township Board of Trustees, and the Geauga County Engineer.

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

<u>COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE – RESOLUTION TO ORDER ASPHALT RESURFACING OF BASS LAKE ROAD (SECTIONS F-G) MUNSON TOWNSHIP – EXECUTE TITLE SHEET – SET BID OPENING USING BID EXPRESS</u>
Mr. Hajjar presented a resolution to order the asphalt resurfacing of Bass Lake Road, Sections F-G, in Munson Township, which includes executing the title sheet of the specifications and setting a bid opening on May 29.

Motion: by Commissioner Brakey, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute Resolution #26-070 to Order the Asphalt Resurfacing of Bass Lake Road (CH-0023, Sections F-G) in Munson Township, Geauga County.

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, May 29, 2026, at 10:10 a.m. using Bid Express at the County Engineer's Office. Notice of this Bid Opening will be advertised on May 14, 2026, and on the county website.

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Date: May 12, 2026
Resolution: 26 - 070

RESOLUTION TO ORDER THE ASHPALT RESURFACING
OF SECTIONS F-G OF BASS LAKE ROAD, CH-0023
IN MUNSON TOWNSHIP, GEAUGA COUNTY

WHEREAS, the Geauga County Board of Commissioners (Board) has determined by Resolution <u>26 - 014</u> that the public convenience and welfare requires the improvement of Bass Lake Road (CH-0023), Sections F-G from Mayfield Road (US 322) to Woodiebrook Road (TR-0100) 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 May 29, 2026, and read publicly at 10:10 AM.

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

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

COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE – RESOLUTION TO ORDER THE REPLACEMENT OF BASCOM ROAD BRIDGE – HAMBDEN TOWNSHIP – EXECUTE TITLE SHEET – SET BID OPENING USING BID EXPRESS

Mr. Hajjar presented a resolution to order the replacement of the Bascom Road Bridge in Hambden Township, which includes executing the title sheet of the specifications and setting a bid opening on May 29.

Motion: by Commissioner Brakey, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute Resolution #26-071 to Order the Replacement of the Bascom Road Bridge (Structure #0069-0101) in Hambden 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, May 29, 2026, at 10:15 a.m. using Bid Express at the County Engineer's Office. Notice of this Bid Opening will be advertised on May 14, 2026, and on the county website.

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Date: May 12, 2026
Resolution: 26 - 071

RESOLUTION TO ORDER THE REPLACEMENT OF THE BASCOM ROAD BRIDGE, STRUCTURE #0069-0101 IN HAMBDEN TOWNSHIP

WHEREAS, the Geauga County Board of Commissioners (Board) has determined by Resolution 26 - 011 that the public convenience and welfare requires the replacement of the bridge over Stone Creek on Bascom Road (TR-0069), at mile marker 01.010 and the grading, paving, widening, and draining of a portion of Bascom 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 May 29, 2026, and read publicly at 10:15 AM.

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

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

DOG WARDEN – PERMISSION TO CLOSE DOG SHELTER TO PUBLIC ON MONDAYS

Dog Warden Matt Granito brought a puppy that morning, which was adopted by one of the families in attendance for the military event. Mr. Granito briefly explained the request to close to the public on Mondays, noting that lower traffic would allow staff time to catch up on administrative duties.

Motion: by Commissioner Brakey, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to grant permission to close the Dog Shelter to the public on Monday's, due to low staffing, lower customer traffic, and the need to allow staff additional time to complete law enforcement duties, training and required administrative work, effective May 18, 2026.

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

MAINTENANCE – CHANGE ORDER #2 – INCREASE CONTRACT – OHIO PAVING AND CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, INCORPORATED – SAFETY CENTER PARKING LOT REPAVE

Project Manager Charles Tkach presented Change Order #2, an increase to the contract with Ohio Paving and Construction Company for the Safety Center Parking Lot Repave. The change order included both a credit and an increase due to fiber optic lines that were discovered during the project.

Motion: by Commissioner Brakey, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute Change Order #2, increasing the Contract with Ohio Paving and Construction Company, Incorporated for the Safety Center Parking Lot Repave project for the re-routing of storm drain to accommodate unknown communication lines discovered during construction in the amount of $564.72 for a new not to exceed amount of $875,603.49.

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

MAINTENANCE – ADVERTISE FOR BIDS – GEAUGA COUNTY OPERA HOUSE MASONRY REPAIR AND RESTORATION PROJECT

Mr. Tkach requested permission to advertise for bids on the Opera House masonry repair and Restoration project, which will include work on the three exposed sides.

Motion: by Commissioner Brakey, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to grant permission to advertise for Bids for the Geauga County Opera House Masonry Repair and Restoration Project to be held on Wednesday, June 10, 2026, at 2:00

p.m. Notice of this Bid Opening will be advertised on May 15, 2026, May 22, 2026, and on the county website.

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

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – SERVICE CONTRACT AGREEMENT – ALL LIFT SERVICE COMPANY

Director Nicholas Gorris presented a service contract agreement with All Lift Service Company for maintenance and repairs as needed on the forklifts in both the water and wastewater sections of the department.

Motion: by Commissioner Brakey, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute the service Contract Agreement with All Lift Service Company to perform Water section forklift repair, and maintenance and repairs, as needed at both Wastewater and Water District locations within the department, for a one-year period, effective May 12, 2026 in an amount not to exceed $6,500.00 ($3,500.00 Wastewater and $3,000.00 Water).

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

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – GRANT WAIVER OF POLICY – ALLOW PAYMENT TO EAST OHIO GAS COMPANY – LATE FEES AND FINANCE CHARGES

Mr. Gorris requested a waiver of the policy prohibiting payment of late fees and finance charges for an East Ohio Gas invoice. He noted that the invoice was received after the final financial session of the year and that, after several attempts to have the charges waived, the department was requesting permission to pay the amount, which was less than $10.00.

Motion: by Commissioner Brakey, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to grant a waiver of policy prohibiting the payment of late fees and finance charges and allow payment to the East Ohio Gas Company for invoices received after the final financial session in 2025, that were due prior to the first financial session in January 2026, in an amount not to exceed $10.00.

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

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – CLOSE CURRENT POSTING FOR POSITIONS – MAINTENANCE WORKER (#2330)

Mr. Gorris requested that the Board close the current postings for two Maintenance Worker positions at specific locations.

Motion: by Commissioner Brakey, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to close the current posting advertising for two (2) positions of Maintenance Worker (#2330), one position at McFarland Wastewater Treatment Plant and one position for the Water District.

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

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – ADVERTISE POSITION – MAINTENANCE WORKER (#2330) – MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS - WASTEWATER

Mr. Gorris requested the Board approve advertising for the position of Maintenance Worker under the maintenance and operations section of Wastewater.

Motion: by Commissioner Brakey, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to grant permission to advertise for the position of Maintenance Worker (#2330) under the

Maintenance and Operations section of Wastewater. This position will remain posted until filled.

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

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – ADVERTISE POSITION – MAINTENANCE WORKER (#2330) – MCFARLAND WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT

Mr. Gorris requested that the Board approve advertising for the position of Maintenance Worker At the McFarland Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Motion: by Commissioner Brakey, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to grant permission to advertise for the position of Maintenance Worker (#2330) at the McFarland Wastewater Treatment Plant. This position will remain posted until filled.

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

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – ADVERTISE POSITION – WASTEWATER OPERATOR I (#2326)

Mr. Gorris requested that the Board approve advertising internally for five days for the position of Wastewater Operator I and, if no qualified employee is currently available, advertise 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 working days, if no qualified candidate is presently employed within the department, then advertise externally until the position is filled.

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

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE - RESOLUTION – FOURTH AMENDMENT, APPROVE USE OF COUNTY CREDIT CARDS YEAR 2026 – INCLUDE DOG WARDEN, ADD USERS FOR JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES – REMOVE USER WATER RESOURCES

Clerk Christine Blair requested that the Board approve a resolution for the fourth amendment to the use of county credit cards for 2026, including the addition of the Dog Warden's Office, adding users for Job and Family Services, and removing a user for Water Resources.

Motion: by Commissioner Brakey, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute Resolution #26-072 Fourth Amendment, Approving the use of County Credit Cards for the Year 2026 for Agencies and Cardholders to include the Dog Warden (Geauga Credit Union Visa) and to add users for the Department of Job and Family Services (Wright Express) and to remove a user for the Department of Water Resources (Home Depot), pursuant to O.R.C. 301.27.

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Date: May 12, 2026
Resolution: #26-072

FOURTH AMENDMENT

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE USE OF COUNTY CREDIT CARDS FOR THE YEAR 2026 FOR AGENCIES AND CARDHOLDERS TO INCLUDE THE DOG WARDEN, TO ADD USERS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES AND TO REMOVE A USER FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES, PURSUANT TO O.R.C. 301.27

WHEREAS, the Geauga County Board of Commissioners in Resolutions #26-004, #26-006 and #26-032, #26-049 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 fourth amendment the Board desires to further amend the Resolution to include the Dog Warden (Geauga Credit Union – Visa), add users for the Department of Job and Family Services (Wright Express) and remove a user for the Department of Water Resources (Home Depot); 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 Fourth 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 – Fourth 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:

AUDITOR / ADP
Geauga Credit Union Visa – Issued to Auditors 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
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
Brittany Randles
Nicholas Lowery
Joe Rini
Aubrey Baker
Thomas Goodridge
Lee Thomas
Rick Carlson
Tim Woodcock
Nick Goodrich
Kelly Baeslach
Tom Ross
Jake Schuenaman
Elijah Haller
Anthony Tirabassi

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
Leland Thomas #6040
Luke Horwatt - #6022
Jerad Howes - #6023
Corey Keeney - #6025
Brian Kingure - #6027
Jonathan Kreuz - #6028
Christopher Villers - #6041
Thomas Ross #6046
Nicholas Goodrich #6048
Evan Miner - #6031
Connor Packard - #6033
Ronald Quercioli - #6034
Joseph Rini - #6035
Steven Sabol - #6036
Richard Carlson #6015
Tyler Schubert #6037

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) 0496-00-211081-5 (sub card account numbers)
Home Depot (3 cards) 6035-3225-4096-1897-0003, 0004, 0005 (shared cards – signed out for use)
Centerra – 1078085 (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)
Christopher Anderson (7141-8)
Heather Anderson
Nichole Ansell
Matthew Baldwin (7162-4)
Brian Banville
Eric Bartholomew
James Bartlett
Thomas Berigan (7165-7)
Christina Bevington
Jonathon Bilicic (7181-4)
William Boehnlein
Gregory Borden (7172-3)
Sarah Boslett (7184-8)
Matthew Bosworth (7138-4)
Matthew Brickman (7164-0)
Charles Brown
Ella Burge
Scott Capron
Carmen Centrickio
Isaiah Charlton (7176-4)
Julie Christian
Philip Cleveland
John Copen (7199-6)
James Corely
Paul Cox
Melissa Cree
Bryan Dawson (7156-6)
Andrew Day (7195-4)
Steven Deardowski (7169-9)
Justin Decavitch
James G Dhayer
Nathan Dhayer (7186-3)
Joshua East (7158-2)
Heather Eskridge
Justin Falcone (7132-7)
Matthew Farrar (7709-1)
Travis Fasko
Rachel Felt
Jennifer Fry
John Fudella (7704-2)
Nicholas Gaeta
Jennifer Gamiere (7707-5)
Jesse Gandolf
Tracey Georskey
Kason Greenwood
Gary Gribbons (4395-1)
William Haines
Jennifer Hanas
Sharon Harless (7146-7)
Jason Heller
James Hildebrand Jr. (7167-3)
Scott Hildenbrand (7189-7)
Christopher Holt (7137-6)
Andrew Humar (7142-6)
Zachary Hupp
Daniel Itschner
Barbara Jeschelnig
Amanda Jonovich (7160-8)
James Jonovich (5798-8)
Tracy Jordan (7150-9)
James Kailburn (5113-3)
Rebecca Klein
Erin Knife
Gary Kracker
Christina Lamtman
Brian Leonard
David Loomis
Jonathan LoPresti (7149-1)
Lillian Macek
Allison Malchow
Michelle Malliski
Daniel Martin (6706-4)
Jessica Martin
Andrew Maryash
Cassandra Matejka
Sandra McBride
Thomas McLaughlin (7191-3)
Casey Merrill
Melissa Metz
Joshua Mikolajski (7139-2)
Eric Miller (7147-5)
Erinne Musacchio (7197-0)
Timothy Oboczky
Christina Obrien
Erica O'Neill
James Ours (5801-0)
Matthew Paul
Eric Pavlick (6704-9)
David Peterson
Diane Peterson
Brian Phan (7153-3)
Eric Phillips
Tammy Phillips
Paul Polverine (7161-6)
Vincent Polverine
Richard Potter
Randal Primer (7157-4)
Austin Quigley (7196-2)
Terrance Radcliffe (7183-0)
Robert Ramirez
Joseph Ray (5114-1)
Michael Reid (7130-1)
Carolyn Rhodes
Benjamin Rhodes
Trevon Richardson (7193-9)
Thomas Rowan (7188-9)
Michael Santilli (7131-9)
Lisa Sayre
Michael Scarnienchi
Donald Seamon (7177-2)
David Shaffer (7173-1)
Joshua Shimko
Russell Shultz
Cody Smith (7174-9)
Jacob Smith (7154-1)

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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)
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)
(Coroner – 3082-4)
(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]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 =-$6000.00)
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
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 BidlackJessica Boalt
Deana Catucci Nathan Gorton
Hannah Heinz Virginia Lester
Chris Mackar
Becky O'Reilly
Karen Stone
Jeanne Molzon
Ellie Rickard
Melissa Wheeler
Card ending #4812
Christine Bacon
Vicki Zanella
Cathie Wells
Card ending #8030
Keri Skrtic
Matthew Samardge

Marc Glassman / Marcs
Christine Bacon
Duane Bidlack
Jessica Boalt

Deana Catucci Nathan Gorton Hannah Heinz
Michelle Warren Hering Virginia Lester Chris Mackar
Jeanne Molzon Becky O'Reilly Ellie Rickard
Keri Skrtic Karen Stone Bonnie Tayek
Cathie Wells Melissa Wheeler Vicki Zanella
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, 6.019, 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 GortonHannah Heinz Michelle Warren Hering
Virgina 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
Daily Transaction Limit – 10
Monthly Transaction Limit - 20

Dan Spada
Mike Davet
Doreen Eppich

Staples Account
Account #[redacted]0537
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 Dog Warden
Geauga Credit Union Visa – [redacted]1768
Issued in the name of the Dog Warden (1 card) and Matt Granito (1 card) – same account
Card Limit - $5,000.00
Daily Spending per card - $2,500.00
Monthly Spending per card - $2,500.00 ($5,000.00 total for both)
Single Transaction Limit - $2,500.00
Daily Number Transactions per card – 5
Monthly Number Transactions per card - 10

Matt Granito
Cindy Sedivy

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 #4398-8290-0158-5912	
Wright Express (WEX) Fleet	$5,000.00 / month
Account #0496-00-257465-5	

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)
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	Amy Davidson
Scott Christopher	Michelle Cmunt	Haley Cruikshank	Shaina Brown
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)		Pauline Loveland	Sydney Creamer
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	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)	
Alesha Henderson			

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)
Account #[redacted]1328
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
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 – APPLICATION FOR AUTHORIZATION – USE OF COUNTY CREDIT CARDS YEAR 2026 – DOG WARDEN AND JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES

Ms. Blair asked the Board to approve the application for authorization of use of the county credit cards for employees of the Dog Warden and Job and Family Services offices.

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 Dog Warden and the Department of Job and Family Services (additional employees).

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

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – CERTIFICATION REQUEST TO COUNTY AUDITOR – COMMISSIONERS – QUARTERLY USE OF COUNTY CREDIT CARDS – DOG WARDEN

Ms. Blair requested that the Board approve the certification of quarterly use of credit cards for the Dog Warden for quarters 2-4 for 2026.

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 2, 3 and 4) for the Dog Warden (Geauga Credit Union – Visa).

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

BOARD DISCUSSION

Ms. Blair explained that Ms. Schimer from Destination Geauga had reached out and asked her to mention the upcoming 22nd Annual Spring Drive It Yourself Tour, which will be held on May 16 from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., with multiple stops throughout the county.

Commissioner Brakey suggested revisiting House Bill 96, noting that it was new legislation enacted the prior year and that the Board had chosen not to act on it, but any action for the following year must be taken by July. Ms. Brakey suggested considering the Homestead Exemption, which would apply to disabled veterans and low-income seniors by providing an increased credit on their property tax bills.

FirstEnergy Representative Wendy Zeely informed the Board that she is the new local engagement representative. She stated that she has been with the company just shy of thirty years and, after supporting Lake and Ashtabula Counties for more than twelve years, is now representing Geauga County and looks forward to working with the Board.

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PUBLIC COMMENT
Anastasia Nicholas, Chagrin Valley Times, brought up that according to the county financial system, over $4,000.00 has been spent on candy since 2020, which brought forth discussion about what departments purchased candy and what it was used for.

Tim Lennon, Russell Township, expressed that he was glad the topic of candy had been raised, shared his opinion on the use of taxpayer dollars, and hoped it would be raised again during Budget Hearings.

Geauga Public Health Administrator Adam Litke mentioned that they held the special needs fishing event with over 110 children this year, the largest number to date. Mr. Litke briefly described the event and thanked the Geauga Park District for its help.

Christine Stenzel, Munson Township, explained that she was confused about the change order on the agenda, including the bid opening and dollar amounts. Mr. Tkach explained that the change order included a credit and an increase due to changes in the project. Ms. Stenzel returned to the purchase of the Library building and asked for clarification regarding the statement that it "could have been less."

Mr. Claypool attempted to make a comment. It was noted that the policy does not allow for public comments during both comment periods. Discussion took place regarding First Amendment issues and the limit of only three minutes per commenter.

PUBLIC COMMENT – ALLOW ONE MORE SPEAKER – PUBLIC COMMENT – AMEND RULES UNDER #1 AND #2 OF POLICY – TODAYS MAY 12 MEETING – DURING SECOND PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to allow one more speaker for Public Comment, giving three minutes, amending the rules under #1 and #2 of the policy, for today's May 12, 2026, during second public comment period.

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

Mr. Claypool stated that he had sent a document to the Board that morning that was dropped in his mailbox concerning Frank Antenucci and his use of his official title on a personal Facebook page that involved campaigning. Mr. Claypool noted that anyone in public office needs to avoid the appearance of impropriety. Mr. Claypool requested that the Board investigate and reach out to the board of ethics to determine whether the conduct crossed a line. There was discussion about the concern and having it investigated.

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion: by Commissioner Brakey, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to move into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the compensation of public employees, pursuant to O.R.C. 121.22 (G)(1).

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

The Board moved into Executive Session at 11:18 a.m. with Ms. Bevan, Deputy County Administrator Mark Jimison, Sheriff Scott Hildenbrand, and Chief Deputy Tom Rowan. The Board returned at 11:39 a.m. and, as a result, no action was taken.

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – SUPREME COURT OF OHIO, AGREEMENT TO MEDIATE AND CONFIDENTIALITY – PORTAGE GEAUGA JUVENILE DETENTION CENTER

Motion: by Commissioner Brakey, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute the Supreme Court of Ohio, Agreement to Mediate and Confidentiality, in regard to the Portage Geauga Juvenile Detention Center.

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

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

a) A weekly report filed by the County Dog Warden of all dogs seized, impounded, redeemed or destroyed for the week ending April 29, 2026, as required by O.R.C. 955.12.

b) 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 March 2026, pursuant to O.R.C. 135.35(L).

OTHER

The Board reviewed upcoming events.

MEETINGS

Tue., 5/12 Planning Commission, 7:30 a.m. County Office Building, Room A334, Chardon

Tue., 5/12 The Commissioners will hold 2027 Tax Budget Hearings 12:30 – 4:30 p.m., Room B303

Thu., 5/14 The Commissioners will hold a Special Meeting at 9:30 a.m. for a Work Session regarding County property and facilities

Mon., 5/18 Family First Council, 1:30 p.m. County Office Building

Tue., 5/19 The Commissioners will hold session at 9:30 a.m.

Tue., 5/19 The Commissioners will hold 2027 Tax Budget Hearings 12:30 – 4:30 p.m., Room B303

Mon., 5/25 **The County Offices will be closed in honor of Memorial Day. Twenty-four Hour Operations will continue to operate as usual.**

Thu., 5/28 The Commissioners will hold session at 9:30 a.m.

Thu., 5/28 The Commissioners will hold 2027 Tax Budget Hearings 12:30 – 4:30 p.m., Room B303

BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD

Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Brakey to adjourn the meeting at 11:41 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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Ralph Spidalieri

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Christine Blair, Commissioners' Clerk

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