GEAUGA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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AGENDA

For the Board of County Commissioners Meeting of November 24, 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 is requesting the Board approve and execute Resolution #26-175 Honoring Judah Geletka, on bringing home Agape Christian Academy's first ever State Championship, at the Ohio Elementary and Middle School State Cross Country Championship.

3. The Commissioners' Office is requesting the Board approve and execute Resolution #26-176 Honoring Ian Res on making West Geauga High School history and winning the State Title in Cross Country.

4. The Commissioners' Office is requesting the Board approve and execute the minutes for the meeting of May 28, 2026.

5. The Commissioners' Office is requesting the Board approve and execute Resolution #26-177 itemizing the financials for the meeting of November 24, 2026.

6. The Commissioners' Office is requesting the Board approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Ohio Department of Taxation Application for Real Property Tax Exemption and Remission for Permanent Parcel No. 10-143900 and 10-085350, located at 214 E. Park Street, Chardon.

7. The Commissioners' Office is requesting the Board approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Ohio Department of Taxation Application for Real Property Tax Exemption and Remission for Permanent Parcel No. 10-700900, located at 100 Short Court Street, Chardon.

8. The Commissioners' Office is requesting the Board approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Ohio Department of Taxation Application for Real Property Tax Exemption and Remission for Permanent Parcel No. 13-705023, located at 12665 Merritt Road, Chardon.

9. The Sheriff's Office is requesting the Board approve and execute Resolution #26-178 Requesting to Establish a New Fund entitled the Sheriff's Behavioral Health Grant Fund to receive and account for revenue, including from grants to support the Crisis Response Director position and related crisis response initiatives.

10. The Department on Aging with Home Instead Senior Care are requesting the Board approve and execute Resolution #26-179 Proclaiming Recognition of Continued Support for the "Be a SANTA to a Senior" Program for 2026 in Geauga County.

11. The Department on Aging is requesting the Board award the Bid to Nutrition, Incorporated for the Elderly Nutrition Program, Preparation and Delivery of Catered Meals, according to Federal Guidelines, for the period January 1, 2027 through December 31, 2028, in the amount of $963,148.87, as they represented the lowest and best bid ($4.76 per congregate meal, $5.06 per home delivered meal, $4.95 per frozen /holiday meal, $5.05 per shelf stable, and $5.00 per therapeutic meal).

12. The Emergency Management Agency (EMA) is requesting the Board approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Agreement between the Emergency Management Agency and the Geauga County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) to provide the following services to LEPC: Administrative Support, Emergency Response Coordinator (if elected by the Geauga LEPC), Secretarial / Treasurer Responsibilities, Information Coordinator (if elected by Geauga LEPC), Assist with annual Compliance report and other compliance activities, Assist with the HazMat Plan and annual exercise program, Assist with annual grant application(s), Assist with hosting, planning, or leading training activities, maintain all required chemical filing forms and records, oversees LEPC fiscal accounts and HazMat response equipment maintenance for the Year 2027, in the amount of $15,000.00.

13. The Maintenance Department is requesting the Board approve and execute Change Order #1, increasing the Contract with Architectural Siding, Trim and Roofing Incorporated for the Geauga County Courthouse Annex Roof Upgrade Project for materials and labor to cover deteriorated brick parapet walls, replace deteriorated roof decking and extend the contract by twenty-nine (29) days, and further authorize expenditure of owner's contingency funds of $16,096.02 of the available $64,000.00, leaving a remaining balance of $47,903.98.

14. The Maintenance Department is requesting the Board approve and execute the First Amendment to Construction Agreement with Ohio Paving and Construction Company, Incorporated for the Geauga County Safety Center Parking Lot Repave Project. This amendment formalizes the proposed remedy for outstanding substantial completion punch list items, extends the contractor warranty to three (3) years and extends the final completion date to December 30, 2026.

15. The Commissioners' Office is requesting the Board approve and execute Resolution #26-180 Honoring Travis Allen for his hard work in recovery and becoming a success story of the Geauga County Common Pleas Court's New Leaf Program.

16. The Commissioners' Office is requesting the Board approve and execute Resolution #26-181 Honoring Dominic Tamburro for his hard work in recovery and becoming a success story of the Geauga County Common Pleas Court's New Leaf Program.

17. The Commissioners' Office is requesting the Board approve and execute Resolution #26-182 Honoring Lisa Szabo for her hard work in recovery and becoming a success story of the Geauga County Common Pleas Court's New Leaf Program.

18. The Commissioners' Office is requesting the Board approve a four percent increase for 2027, effective with Payroll #1 (December 20, 2026) to adjust the wage scales and compensation of the non-bargaining unit employees (current and active) under the hiring authority of the Board of County Commissioners, with the exception of the Department of Job and Family Services, including current job postings, effective with the first payroll adjusting the hourly rate by rounding to the nearest penny so that departments and elected officials can plan and budget accordingly.

19. **Board Discussion** – Geauga County Mascot – Raccoon

20. **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.

21. The Commissioners' Office is requesting the Board move into Executive Session for the purpose of preparing for, conducting, or reviewing negotiations or bargaining sessions with public employees concerning their compensation or other terms and conditions of their employment, pursuant to O.R.C. 121.22 (G)(4).

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

a) A weekly report filed by the County Dog Warden of all dogs seized, impounded, redeemed or destroyed for the weeks ending November 11, 2026, and November 18, 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 October 2026, pursuant to ORC 135.35(L).

MEETINGS

Thu., 11/26 **County Offices will be closed for general business in observance of Thanksgiving Day. Twenty-four-hour operations will continue to operate as normal.**

Fri., 11/27 **County offices under the hiring authority of the Board of Commissioners will be closed for general business. Twenty-four-hour operations will continue to operate as usual.**

Tue., 12/1 The Commissioners will hold session at 9:30 a.m.

Tue., 12/8 Planning Commission, 7:30 a.m. County Office Building, Room A334, Chardon

Tue., 12/8 The Commissioners will hold session at 9:30 a.m.

12/9 – 12/11 CCAO Winter Conference, Columbus, Ohio

Tue., 12/15 The Commissioners will hold session at 9:30 a.m.