

Commissioners' Journal
September 9, 2021

The Geauga County Board of Commissioners met in session on September 9, 2021 at 9:30 a.m. in the Commissioners' Chambers located at 470 Center Street in 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 9:34 a.m. by leading the Board and audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Commissioner Lennon was absent from this meeting.*

Commissioner Dvorak read the following prayer:

September 11th is this Saturday...

Lord of Mercy,

9-11 carries a heavy burden of memory

This day does not pass in the calendar without our remembering

We remember images of death and destruction

We imagine the feeling of emptiness in the arms of children who at the end of the day could not find mom or dad for their welcome home hug

We remember our own feelings of emptiness as our own sense of security, as our own confidence in the predictable order of life and work was radically shaken

We remember the heroism of the many that lost their lives in saving others

We remember all those who suffered and died, we grieve for them still, friends and strangers alike, along with their families and friends

And it is right, that it should not pass from our memory

Lord, we will always remember

Lord grant us peace

Amen

COMMISSIONERS OFFICE - COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

County Administrator Gerard Morgan reported on the items approved by the County Administrator on September 2, 2021 for the Transit department approve hiring Joseph Koziol to the position of Part-time Transit Driver (#2210-1) to be effective September 20, 2021 at the rate of \$14.83 per hour with a one-year probationary period. This offer of employment is contingent upon the successful completion of the required pre-employment conditions; and approved a onetime waiver of policy of the maximum six months for unpaid medical leave of absence, as employee Andrea Scheid is unable to return to work, therefore extending the unpaid medical leave for the period September 5, 2021 through September 14, 2021; as authorized by Resolution #21-003 under the direction and supervision of the County Commissioners that was approved January 5, 2021 pursuant to O.R.C. 305.30.

APPROVE FINANCIALS

Budget and Finance Manager Adrian Gorton explained the financials for today as including an Appropriations transfer to the Sheriff for miscellaneous reimbursements and web checks that were deposited into the General Fund; an encumbrance increase for the Commissioners with Donley's Independence for change order #4 for upgrades to the building generator and security; Then and Now for the Municipal Court for appointed counsel fees that were not previously encumbered; Travel requests for Transit and the Treasurer's Office; formal Contract PO for Water Resources to Viking Painting LLC for the Water Towers Painting and Improvements project; a payment for the Commissioners' Office to Lake Geauga Recovery Centers for the County's share of an assistant to the jail treatment program in the amount of \$44,150.00; a payment for the County Engineer's Office to Ronyak Paving, Incorporated for the asphalt resurfacing of Auburn Road, Sections F-H and Nauvoo Road, Section A in the amount of \$324,536.61; and a Revenue Certification for Water Resources in their operating fund for additional fees to be received in 2021

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute Resolution #21-111 itemizing the financials for the meeting of September 9, 2021.

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Roll Call Vote:	Commissioner Spidalieri	Aye
	Commissioner Lennon	Absent*
	Commissioner Dvorak	Aye

COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE – INVALIDATE THE AWARD AND ALL BIDS RECEIVED – ASPHALT RESURFACING OF BASS LAKE ROAD, SECTIONS A-C – NEWBURY TOWNSHIP

Deputy Engineer Nick Gorris asked the Board to invalidate the award and all bids for the resurfacing of Bass Lake Road project as the bid and the contract were not signed within the sixty-day period. Mr. Gorris explained that any project that is bid out must be awarded and the contract executed by all parties within sixty days. Commissioner Spidalieri inquired about the delay to which Mr. Gorris explained that there was an administrative error on their end, as documents were lost in transition and the deadline was missed. Mr. Spidalieri inquired about re-bidding the project. Mr. Gorris explained that they have adjusted on their office so this won't happen in the future. There was discussion about going back to out to bid, the specifications will be revised and the estimate may be adjusted and a resolution to order and set the bid opening will hopefully be before the Board soon.

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to invalidate the award and all bids received, in accordance with O.R.C. 153.12 for the Asphalt Resurfacing of Bass Lake Road (CH 23, Sections A-C) in Newbury Township, as the award and execution of the contract was not completed within the sixty-day limit and therefore invalidates the entire bid proceedings and all bids submitted for this project.

Roll Call Vote:	Commissioner Spidalieri	Aye
	Commissioner Lennon	Absent
	Commissioner Dvorak	Aye

COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE – ACCEPT, APPROVE AND EXECUTE CONSTRUCTION PLANS FOR BIG DIPPER ROAD – BAINBRIDGE TOWNSHIP – RIGHT OF WAY AND UTILITY EASEMENTS ONLY

Mr. Gorris asked the Board to accept, approve and execute the construction plans for Big Dipper Road in Bainbridge Township that does not include sanitary sewer or waterlines, that this is the public right of way and utility easements only. Mr. Gorris added that the sewer and water lines are part of a JEDD with the City of Aurora and set to be submitted to the EPA soon.

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to accept, approve and execute the Construction Plans for Big Dipper Road located in Bainbridge Township for the proposed Public Right-of-Way and Utility Easements only, does not include Sanitary Sewer or Waterline Construction.

Roll Call Vote:	Commissioner Spidalieri	Aye
	Commissioner Lennon	Absent
	Commissioner Dvorak	Aye

COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE – RESOLUTION TO ORDER RECONSTRUCTION OF BUNDYSBURG ROAD BRIDGE – PARKMAN TOWNSHIP – SET BID OPENING

Mr. Gorris asked the Board to approve the resolution to order for the reconstruction of the Bundysburg Road Bridge which sets the advertisement and bid dates. The plans have already been approved.

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute Resolution #21-112 to Order the Reconstruction of the Bundysburg Road Bridge (Structure #BR-0038-03.080-2021) in Parkman Township.

Further this resolution sets a Bid Opening on Wednesday, October 13, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. Notice of this Bid Opening will be advertised on September 16, 2021, September 23, 2021 and on the county website.

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*RESOLUTION TO ORDER THE RECONSTRUCTION
OF THE BUNDYSBURG ROAD BRIDGE,
STRUCTURE #BR-0038-03.080-2021 (SFN 2831511)
IN PARKMAN TOWNSHIP*

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Geauga County has determined by Resolution #12-153 that the public convenience and welfare require the reconstruction of the bridge over Swine Creek on Bundysburg Road at mile marker 3.08 and grading, widening, paving and draining of a portion of Bundysburg Road in the immediate vicinity of the bridge in accordance with Section 5555.022 of the Ohio Revised Code; and

WHEREAS, no lands needed to be taken relative for this improvement have been secured; 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 Geauga County Board of Commissioners, 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 of County Commissioners in accordance with Section 5555.13 of the Ohio Revised Code hereby orders that such improvement proceed.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners in accordance with Section 5555.022 of the Ohio Revised Code hereby approves the surveys, plans, profiles, cross sections, estimates, and specifications for such improvement, the costs of which shall be paid from local funding sources in accordance with Section 5555.43 of the Ohio Revised Code.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners is hereby ordered to let this project for bids in accordance with Section 5555.61 of the Ohio Revised Code. The bids shall be let upon a unit price basis. Bids shall be received until 1:45 P.M. and opened and read aloud at 2:00 P.M. on Wednesday, October 13, 2021.

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

Roll Call Vote:	Commissioner Spidalieri	Aye
	Commissioner Lennon	Absent
	Commissioner Dvorak	Aye

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – REQUEST FOR PARTIAL PAYMENT #14, OHIO WATER DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY CONTRACTORS ESTIMATE #10 (RETAINAGE) – FINAL PAYMENT FOR WORKMAN INDUSTRIAL SERVICES, INCORPORATED – AUBURN CORNERS WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT AND TROY OAKS WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT CONVERSION PROJECT

Director Steven Oluic asked the Board to approve the request for partial payment #14 and the Ohio Water Development Authority Contractors Estimate #10 for retainage for Workman Industrial Services for the Auburn Corners Troy Oaks project. The project is complete.

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Request for Partial Payment #14 and Ohio Water Development Authority Contractor's Estimate #10 (retainage), and final payment for Workman Industrial Services, Incorporated for the Auburn Corners Wastewater Treatment Plant and Troy Oaks Wastewater Treatment Plant Conversion Project in the amount of \$231,420.82.

Roll Call Vote:	Commissioner Spidalieri	Aye
	Commissioner Lennon	Absent
	Commissioner Dvorak	Aye

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DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – AGREEMENT – HDR ENGINEERING,
INCORPORATED FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES – MCFARLAND CREEK WASTEWATER
TREATMENT PLANT UPGRADE AND RENOVATION

Dr. Oluic asked the Board to execute the agreement with HDR Engineering for design and engineering of the McFarland Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant for the upgrade and renovations. There was discussion on the plant and the options that might be available to upgrade.

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute the Agreement between the Geauga County Board of Commissioners and HDR Engineering, Incorporated for Engineering Services to Geauga County for the McFarland Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade and Renovation Project in the amount of \$1,164,712.00.

Roll Call Vote:	Commissioner Spidalieri	Aye
	Commissioner Lennon	Absent
	Commissioner Dvorak	Aye

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – ACKNOWLEDGE RESOLUTION FROM CHARDON
TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES PETITIONING TO VACATE THE PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY UPON
WISNER ROAD (TR-0084) ALL OF SECTION C – RESOLUTION OF CONVENIENCE AND
NECESSITY FOR PROPOSED VACATION OF PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY UPON WISNER
ROAD – SET PUBLIC VIEWING AND PUBLIC HEARING

Clerk Christine Blair explained that on August 30, 2021 the Chardon Township Trustees submitted a petition to the Board of Commissioners to vacate the public right of way upon a portion of Wisner Road, all of Section C in Chardon Township under ORC 5553.045. Ms. Blair explained that second action is for the resolution for the Convenience and Necessity of the proposed vacation sets a public viewing and a public hearing.

Deputy Engineer Andy Haupt explained that this basically phase 2 of the action that was started in 2012. The old portion included a bridge that had been there, was washed out and removed and Holden Arboretum has constructed a new bridge for the non-motorized vehicle easement for foot access / horse use to gain access to the river. This action is similar to the previous action, involving a bridge. There is a section in between this section and the previous that will not have access.

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to acknowledge receipt of Resolution #34,2021 from the Chardon Township Board of Trustees Petitioning the Geauga County Commissioners to Vacate the Public Right of Way Upon Wisner Road (TR-0084) All of Section C, Pursuant to O.R.C. 5553.045.

Roll Call Vote:	Commissioner Spidalieri	Aye
	Commissioner Lennon	Absent
	Commissioner Dvorak	Aye

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute Resolution #21-113 of Convenience and Necessity for the Proposed Vacation of the Public Right-of-Way Upon a Portion of Wisner Road (TR-0084), All of Section C, in Chardon Township, Geauga County, Ohio pursuant to Section 5553.045 of the Ohio Revised Code, further setting a Public Viewing on Thursday, October 7, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. and a Public Hearing on Thursday, October 14, 2021. Notice of the Public Viewing and Public Hearing will be advertised on September 23, 2021, September 30, 2021 and on the county website.

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RESOLUTION OF CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY FOR THE PROPOSED VACATION OF
THE PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY UPON A PORTION OF WISNER ROAD (TR-0084), ALL OF
SECTION C, IN CHARDON TOWNSHIP, GEAUGA COUNTY, OHIO PURSUANT TO
SECTION 5553.045 OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE

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WHEREAS, on August 30, 2021, the Chardon Board of Township Trustees filed Resolution #34, 2021, with the Geauga County Board of Commissioners petitioning for the vacation of the public right-of-way upon a portion of Wisner Road (TR-0084) all of Section C, in Chardon Township, Geauga County, Ohio in accordance with Section 5553.045 of the Ohio Revised Code; and

WHEREAS, the Geauga County Board of Commissioners is of the opinion that the public convenience and welfare may require the vacation of the public right-of-way upon Wisner Road (TR-0084) all of Section C, in Chardon Township, Geauga County, Ohio in accordance with Chapter 5553.045 of the Ohio Revised Code; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Geauga County Board of Commissioners that the public convenience and welfare may require the vacation of the public right-of-way upon a portion of Wisner Road (TR-0084), all of Section C, in Chardon Township, Geauga County, Ohio, which public right-of-way is more particularly described as follows:

Wisner Road Section C, beginning at the intersection of Mitchells Mill Road (TR-0088), Section B and said Wisner Road, to a point located approximately 1430.64 feet south located at the existing terminus of said Wisner Road as established by previous vacation action recorded in Volume 41, Page 87-89 of the Geauga County Recorder's Office.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Geauga County Board of Commissioners shall hold a public viewing of the portion of Wisner Road (TR-0084) to be vacated on Thursday, October 7, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. to be held on site at 10037 MITCHELLS MILLS RD near the intersection of Wisner Road and Mitchells Mills Road in Chardon Township.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Geauga County Board of Commissioners shall, hold a public hearing on the proposed vacation on Thursday, October 14, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. at the Commissioners' Offices at 470 Center Street, Bldg #4, Chardon, Ohio, at which time the Board will hear evidence, comments and questions, if any, from any interested persons concerning the proposed vacation of said public right-of-way.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the Geauga County Board Commissioners is hereby instructed to give notice of the time and place for the aforementioned hearing by publication once a week for two consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in Geauga County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the Geauga County Board of Commissioners is hereby instructed to send written notice of said public hearing by first class mail to all abutting property owners in accordance with R.C. 5553.045, at least twenty-days in advance of said hearing.

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

Roll Call Vote:	Commissioner Spidalieri	Aye
	Commissioner Lennon	Absent
	Commissioner Dvorak	Aye

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – RESOLUTION IN HONOR AND MEMORY OF THE EVENTS FROM TWENTY YEARS AGO, ON SEPTEMBER 11, 2001, AND ALL THOSE THAT WERE LOST IN THE TRAGEDY

Ms. Blair was asked to read the following resolution:

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Resolution: #21-114

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A RESOLUTION IN HONOR AND MEMORY OF EVENTS OF TWENTY YEARS AGO, ON SEPTEMBER 11, 2001, AND ALL THOSE THAT WERE LOST IN THE TRAGEDY OF THOSE EVENTS

WHEREAS, September 11, 2001 started as just a routine day, or so it seemed for the passengers as they boarded Flight 11 and Flight 175 in Boston, Flight 77 in D.C. and Flight 93

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in Newark, unknowing that hijackers were among them on the planes with a plan to carry out a malicious attack; and

WHEREAS, Flight 11 after being overtaken by the hijackers aboard, was intentionally flown, fully intact at 8:46 a.m. into the north face of the north tower (1WTC) of the World Trade Center, entering the building between floors 93 and 99. Just minutes later, Flight 175 that had also been overtaken was intentionally flown into the south face of the south tower (2 WTC) of the World Trade Center at 9:03 a.m., entering between floors 77 and 85 and causing parts of the plane to leave the building upon impact on the east and north sides that landed several blocks away in the city; and

WHEREAS, Flight 93 was over Northeast Ohio at 9:28 a.m. when the hijackers aboard began to take over the plane, changing the flight path and heading towards the southeast. Many residents of Geauga County reported seeing the plane fly over. Passengers on board of Flight 93 heard of the events at the World Trade Center and began to fight against the hijackers, which caused the plane to crash at 10:03 a.m. into a field near Shanksville, in Somerset County, Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, while those passengers were fighting, Flight 77 had also been taken over by the hijackers and was intentionally flown into the western side of the Pentagon, at 9:37 a.m. causing a violent fire in the building; and

WHEREAS, just fifty-six minutes after the impact of Flight 175 into the South Tower, it collapsed at 9:59 a.m., one hour and forty-two minutes after the impact of Flight 11 into the North Tower, it collapsed at 10:28 a.m. The Marriott Hotel located at the base of the two towers was destroyed when the towers fell. At 10:50 a.m. five stories within the Pentagon collapsed from the intense fire; and

WHEREAS, first responders, including firefighters and law enforcement immediately began their response when the first tower was impacted, coming from stations all over the city. As the planes were flown into buildings in other locations, first responders rushed to aid in what they hoped to be a rescue, but sadly became more of a recovery effort; and

WHEREAS, Firefighters, Law Enforcement and Military personnel responded and fought to assist with saving lives, but sadly almost 3,000 people perished in the events of that day, among those lost, included the passengers and crew aboard the 4 planes, 343 Firefighters and Paramedics, 23 New York City Police Officers and 37 Port Authority Police Officers, and 55 Military personnel at the Pentagon; and

WHEREAS, several Geauga County Firefighters and Police Officers responded to assist in the life saving and recovery efforts in New York City, Washington D.C. and in Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, twenty years later, September 11, 2021, we still remember the events of that day, the tragedy, the loss and the continued affects that those events have had over the years and the tragedy that continues to unfold from the impact of exposure, "We will never forget" Today we honor those lost, we honor the bravery of those that fought and those that responded; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Geauga County Board of Commissioners do hereby remember the events of September 11, 2001 and honor all those that were lost in the tragic events of that day, and

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

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute Resolution #21-114 In Honor and Memory of the events from Twenty Years Ago, on September 11, 2001, and All those that were Lost in the Tragedy.

<i>Roll Call Vote:</i>	<i>Commissioner Spidalieri</i>	<i>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Lennon</i>	<i>Absent</i>
	<i>Commissioner Dvorak</i>	<i>Aye</i>

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HEALTH DISTRICT – INTERIM ADMINISTRATOR UPDATE

Interim Administrator Adam Litke explained that he has been working for Geauga Public Health District for the last five years doing finances and human resources and for the Lake County Health Department for seven years and previous to that worked for a private audit firm. Mr. Litke explained that he had met with Mr. Morgan yesterday and expressed that the Health District Board plans to work hard to earn back the public's opinion and make sure that everything within the county is taken care of and to also win back the trust of the residents and assist the public any way they can. The fight right now is how to keep the kids in school and not shut down the schools, to ensure the safety and well-being of the kids. Mr. Litke wanted to say hello and introduce himself and keep the lines of communication open. Mr. Litke stated they are working on making changes within the district, including with septic systems to assist the public. Board member Richard Piriano expressed that the Board has a lot of faith in Mr. Litke, recognizing the positive comments from other Elected Officials. The Board of Health wants to be the best and be the conscience of all citizens, not just a few.

A local resident Anna Peric, expressed that we are facing the most critical health issue of our time and that there needs to be someone in the position that has a public health background, a degree in finance is not the qualification for this position. This resident was at the meeting where Mr. Quade was terminated and she is grateful for that. The leadership under Mr. Quade wasn't looking at medical truth outside the CDC, so we need someone qualified but is not impartial to the doctors and institutions that have been categorically censored by big tech, the virus has not been isolated and the PCR tests cannot test for said virus and does 5G play into what the hospitals are being introduced to as COVID systems, it's odd, the therapeutics such as hydroxychloroquine and ivermectin are being shunned by the CDC, we cannot continue to battle this sickness that people are coming down with, including shortness of breath, fatigue, but we cannot continue to implement policy that are not based on truth and that are harmful to children, masking a child for four hours with a ten-minute break taxes their immune system and the masks have known carcinogens in them, we need an interim and permanent health director recognize truth and not just go with the CDC.

Mr. Litke stated that he is not the health commissioner, he's an administrator, that Dr. Reed, is current Interim Health Commissioner, and is a Physician at UH.

We need a health commissioner that is not in lock step, and policy that does not violate constitutional rights, we need policy that are based in logic, reason and medical truth and consistent with the US Constitution. We need to move Geauga County forward, not with political agenda, let's have a plan that includes holistic and natural solutions not just big tech COVID vaccinations that do not prevent the transmission or infection of SARS Coronavirus II.

GEAUGA RESIDENTS – COUNTY SETTLEMENT COVENANT

Amy Hillis, a local resident read the First Amendment of the Constitution, stating that we the people living on Geauga County land, have formed a County Settlement Covenant and have presented it to the Board of Commissioners and read it into the record as follows:

Theresa DiNallo, Amy Hillis, Maria Ivonne Gerard read portions of the following:

County Settlement Covenant, Geauga County, Preamble

We the sovereign people living on the land in Geauga County, Ohio, a Free and Independent state, in order to live together in harmony under common law of the Almighty Creator, to facilitate the avoidance of disputes; to facilitate the quick settlement of disputes which might arise; to provide for organized defense of life, liberty, and private property; to protect and administer public property for the benefit of the inhabitants; and to make certain limited agreements with other settlements of sovereign people for mutual benefit ordain common accord and recognition the following:

NOTICE

Date: July 8, 2021

COMES NOW, Inhabitants of Geauga County by ABSOLUTE WRIT of HABEAS CORPUS, and with absolute resolve but all corporate authority.

And with absolute resolve rebut all corporate authority!

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County Settlement Covenant in Geauga County
Original Assembly and Library of Records on date: June 25, 2021

Gives this County Settlement Announcement

Gauga County Settlement Covenant, and in harmony with all eighty-eight counties we
FIND:

Article One

By ALMIGHTY God granting us FREEDOM: By unanimous decree the Local people(s) in Local Peaceable Lawful Assembly; in Settlement Covenant in Ohio, a Free and Independent state, a member with other Free and Independent States also known as Republic for the United States of America, set forth the following affirmations.

Section 1 – Local – people in Family of Man and Woman centered in ALMIGHTY God live on Local- land and use Way-land in People Jurisdiction in Grace affirmed by the authority of the Unanimous Declaration of Independence, Cir. 1776 and Bill of Rights Articles, the 5th, 7th, 9th, 10th, 11th C.1787-1791-r2020 and beyond; beyond the reach of predator others; and also living in Friend(ship) and in Peace Treaty(s) c.1789-1791 and beyond; beyond the reach of predator others; and also affirmed by Article III. OF THE JUDICIARY. Section 7, cr.1803, Ohio Constitution and the Covenant of Ohio, a Free and Independent state, circa 2020.

NOW Local-people by Local-common-consent do name, affirm, ordain, establish and continue Local Settlement Covenant in Geauga County and other County Settlements and Covenant of Ohio, a Free and Independent state and Nation America Settlement as their absolute Accumulated Legacy prepaid with blood taken from Family of Man and Woman centered in ALMIGHTY God who came before and granted Local-people ALMIGHTY FREEDOM.

Section 2 – Local County Settlement Covenant in Geauga County, affirms natural inherent rights, one with the Spirit of Man, as the absolute dominion belonging to each man and woman; Local-people in Family of Man, living in Grace on Local-land in Local County Settlement Covenant in Geauga County in People Jurisdiction affirmed by the authority of the Unanimous Declaration of Independence, Cir 1776 and Bill of Rights Articles, the 5th, 7th, 9th, 10th, 11th c.1787-1791-2020 and beyond; and Friend(ship) in Peace.

Section 3 – Local County Settlement Covenant in Geauga County, one with the Spirit of Man, is the free exercise of all-natural inherent rights; which is unlimited in scope and is our lawful inheritance to be defended and protected from abuse by all means:

- a) Free Spirit, Free will with Free choice is originally one with the Spirit of Man and by-blood cause slavery of any kind is an abomination to all-natural inherent rights. Each man and woman, Local people, living on Local land in People Jurisdiction reject slavery in any form and we reject legal-fiction-oxy-morons and libel of any kind including “ex-felon” status-quo by-cause of cruel and unusual punishment.*
- b) Personal empowerment, prosperity and responsibility of Family of Man and Woman remain one with the Spirit of Man and by cause, personal empowerment, prosperity, and personal responsibility of family continue beyond the reach of bogus barriers or restrictions erected by State agency agents and predator others.*

Section 4 – Subject to existing and prior rights, land in Local County Settlement Covenant in Geauga County uses the survey track, Metes and Bounds as boundary for Geauga County and as soon as practical be defined and recorded in the county Records Library.

Article Two

Section 1 – Settlement in Geauga County is fundamental local law in sustaining the free exercise of right of men, women, and families in Grace to exercise, defend and protect their property, their liberty, their prosperity, their posterity, their inheritance, and their existing political rights from abuse by evil intent by public or private persons or predator others who would invade, attack, attach, steal, pillage, plunder, divert, redistribute or spoil any part of their pre-paid Absolute Accumulated Legacy.

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Article Three

Section 1 – Local County Settlement Covenant in Geauga County endows, authorizes, and establishes limited and Peaceful Lawful Assembly(s) open to each and every man and woman, local people living in Grace on Local-land without exception, to freely provide responses in a lawful manner on all issues related to their Rights and Liberties. Local-common-law-action requires an injured-party-Originator.

- a) Proper use of Peaceful Lawful Assembly is essential to the free exercise of all rights*
- b) Local Settlement in Geauga County Settlement endows-authorizes Peaceful Lawful Assembly(s) limited by simple, understandable rules and procedures consistent to Local County Settlement Covenant in Geauga County*
- c) Local County Settlement Covenant in Geauga County authorizes Peaceful Lawful Assembly(s) limited duration of cause of Originator and each and every Assembly is dissolved after service of lawful purpose.*
- d) Local County Settlement Covenant in Geauga County authorizes a Library of Records and selection of Moderator and Recording Secretary, from among the first 13 or more witnesses to arrive and volunteer to perform the functions necessary to create accurate records.*
- e) Local County Settlement Covenant in Geauga County directs any truthful documents of abuse to Rights and Liberties as witnessed by Local Peaceable Lawful People Assembled shall be entrusted to local Justice-Court or under rules of distributive justice invoking full Witness Protection.*

Article Four

Section 1 – Local County Settlement Covenant in Geauga County Settlement establishes limited de jure Grand Jury from Local-Assembly(s), open to each and every man and woman, local people living in Grace on the land, after workshop training without exception, to freely provide their response in a lawful manner on all issues related to their Rights and Liberties including the use of SUBPOENA and SUMMONS for TRUTH; and the use of Findings of Fact, Conclusion of Law in construction and presentation of findings or presentments as Findings of Truth and / or other documents. This de jure Grant Jury is endowed with the authority to deliberate and issue a “No Bill” if insufficient evidence exists and a “True Bill” when sufficient evidence exists and to deliver these presentments to proper judicial authority for further action;

- a) Proper use of instance-matter specific de jure Grand Jury in Local-Assembly(s) is essential to the free-exercise of all rights; Runaway-Grand-Jury-witch-hunts prohibited.*
- b) Common-law-action requires an injured-party-Originator/Claimant under full disclosure of affidavit and bond.*
- c) Local County Settlement Covenant in Geauga County authorizes 13 Members and 1 Alternate Members to form a lawful de jure Grand Jury from the local jural assembly representing a cross-section of ages, occupations, and peoples living in Grace on the land and willing to serve in jurisdictions using Article 9 c.1791 (Article ninth...In suits at common law, where the value in controversy shall exceed twenty dollars, the right of trial by jury shall be preserved, and no fact tried by a jury, shall be otherwise re-examined in any Court of the United States, than according to the rules of the common law.) in Peace and Friendship, not limited by bogus barriers erected by de facto County or State of Ohio.*
- d) Local County Settlement Covenant in Geauga County authorizes selection of Moderator acting / signing “as Foreman and/or Forewoman” and Clerk(s) for tallying minutes, recording, filing correspondence etc. rather than (Court Clerk / Court Recorder) or bring these legal fictions from sea onto land. (Brackets are used to keep us safe from warring foreign alien invaders bound under war-bond or otherwise)*
- e) Local County Settlement Covenant in Geauga County authorizes Local Peaceful Assembly in Council for the Special-Law-use of direct presentment of Notice-information, Warrants or Orders under de jure operation of Law; to the specific Chief Justice liable and responsible for the actions of Judges and courts within the respective Chief Justice jurisdiction; or for direct presentment to the de-jure or de-facto U.S. Supreme Court with respect to Constitution and Treaties. “No one is bound to obey an unconstitutional law and no courts are bound to enforce it.” 16 American Jurisprudence, 2d, See 177 late 2d; 256; Norton vs. Shelby; the complete version of Arizona vs. Miranda; Lopez Decision,*

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and; Douglas vs. Seacoast Products. These cites are for information and education of the truth that the De facto Judicial system ignores or avoids.

Article Five

Section 1 – Local County Settlement Covenant in Geauga County authorizes-establishes Original Peaceful Lawful Assembly for the writing and the publishing of,

- a) Rules and Procedures for the Peaceful Lawful Assembly(s),*
- b) Rules and Procedures for Local Jural Assembly meetings,*
- c) Rules and Procedures for the de jure Grand Jury convening, in compliance with Article Five of the Bill of Rights to decide issues brought before it by We THE People of Geauga County and with knowledge of 38A C.J.S. § 9, ... There cannot be a grant jury de facto when there is a grand jury de jure. (People v. Brautigan, 142 N.E. 208, 310 Ill. 472, cited for information and education only.)*
- d) Rules and Procedures for the Council using Local Peaceful Assembly in Council,*
- e) Glossary or Dictionary for Remedial-Speech-Therapy of terms or phrases used,*
- f) Maintenance of Local County Settlement Covenant in Geauga County Library(s) of Local Assembly(s) to hold and keep safe Local Covenant of Geauga County Records, Official Records of Acts and actions performed by Original Peaceful Lawful Assembly, Peaceful Lawful Assembly, Local Grant Jury Assembly, Local Peaceful Assembly in Council and other related documents.*

Section 2 – Local County Settlement Covenant in Geauga County directs Original Peaceful Lawful Assembly to execute, witness and officially record the true tally of ratification freely given by men and women in Grace living on land in Geauga County and other places on land who consented in Original Peaceful Lawful Assembly for the ratification or consented to Open Witnessed Absentee Ratification proxies.

Article Six

We the people in public assembly, with intent to restore lawful government and lawful courts in Geauga County, do hereby restore common law courts and de jure government by lawful notice. No lawful courts are currently being exercised, and the courts and process imposed upon the people in Geauga County are based in despotic foreign civil law, being a sham, we therefore claim our position of the lawful keepers of the public trust implied by our position as tacit procurator, and by the expressed intent through delegation of authority by the signatories hereto.

Article Seven

We, the undersigned declare that we inhabit the area described as Geauga County, that we are Peaceful People and have always been, and rebut any presumption of subjugation. We declare that we own the land of Geauga County with such exceptions as are privately held by men and women living on the land, and that we own the water and minerals under the land to the center of the earth, the water, vegetation, living creatures, non-living material and structures on the land, and the air above the land to the outer most edge of the universe, with such exceptions as are privately held by people in the county, and that we declare our rights as a rebuttal to the claims of any corporate entity and / or foreign person.

Article Eight

The County Settlement Agreement hereby establishes a County Jural Assembly for one benefit and purposes of We THE People. Such Assembly is open to all the inhabitants of the county who choose to remove themselves from fourteenth amendment citizenship status and return to being free men and women on the land. They may become electors and jury pool members for the de jure grand juries both state and federal level to provide due process of law and equal protection under common law for all people. The juries and all other lawful process accepted are to provide remedies for injured parties in loss of property, right or liberty. The people in assembly shall provide a venue and a forum to convene court, to decide structure of offices and the function of administrative personnel, and to discuss other business concerning the grand and petit juries. Calling to order, form of assembly, maintenance of records, and other business of the people are further delineated below.

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Article Nine

We, the people do hereby affirm and establish our lawful right to appoint or elect our Delegate to be sent to the House of Delegates legislative body for Ohio, a Free and Independent state. We will interact with the other counties designated in accordance with the Covenant for Ohio, a Free and Independent state, as a region to elect a Statesman to be sent to the House of Statesman to represent the designated region.

A free man or woman living on the county shall be appointed or elected as a Delegate to Ohio, a Free and Independent state, House of Delegates.

A free man or woman living in the designated region shall be elected as Statesman to be seated in the House of Statesman. To freely provide for any and all responses in a lawful manner on all issues that may pertain to business concerning the County, to wit:

Section 1 – There shall be established a limit of one (1) lawful Delegate, for the purpose of providing hearings and responses in a lawful manner on all issues related to decision making and communications between the local county level and the Ohio, a Free and Independent state, governance.

The Delegate shall be selected from free men and women, inhabiting the county, to be appointed as Delegate to provide the response(s) of the people in County Jural Assembly to Ohio, a Free and Independent state and to the National level, in a lawful manner on all issues regarding the safety and welfare of the people. The Delegate is essential to the free exercise of duties and decision-making processes, including but not limited to communications and interactions between the local county and the Ohio, a Free and Independent state, levels; and by and between the local levels to the national level, in order to maintain proper and comprehensive maintenance and implementation of the people's lawful business.

Section 2 – There shall be established a limit of one (1) lawful Statesman representing a region as a designated by numbered counties. The Statesman will represent the people within the region in the House of Statesman for the purpose of providing hearings and responses in a lawful manner on all issues related to decision making and communications between the local county level and Ohio, a Free and Independent state, governance. The Statesman shall be selected from free men and women, inhabiting the counties in the region, to be represented and to provide the response(s) of the people in the County Jural Assemblies of Ohio, a Free and Independent state, and the National level, in a lawful manner on all issues regarding the safety and welfare of the people. The Statesman is essential to the free-exercise of duties and decision-making processes, including but not limited to communications and interactions between the local county and the Ohio, a Free and Independent state, level; and by and between the local levels to the national level, in order to maintain proper and comprehensive maintenance and implementation of the people's lawful business.

Section 3 – Any seated office holder(s) can request from the Library of Records a County Jural Assembly rulebook and convene a County Grand Jury as the originator. The procedure for such an assembly shall be the same as provided for in Article Seven of the Covenant of Ohio, a Free and Independent state, Article Vii, Grand and Petit Juries.

Article Ten

We THE People recognize the necessity of establishing an Office that shall provide for the defense of the People's Rights, Land and Law in the County.

Said office shall be titled Office of Sheriff of Geauga County. The title of Sheriff shall be conferred upon the individual who is elected by majority vote of the electors of the County Jural Assembly, to hold such office for a period of time to be three years. Issues as to the methods of operation, structure duties, method of management and all other pertinent and appropriate issues pertaining to the establishment, maintenance and function of such office and the office holder shall be determined by a committee created for such purpose. Upon the submission of the final report of recommendations by said committee, the County Jural Assembly shall discuss, modify if required, and vote, adopt and enter it into the county records to create and implement the Office of Sheriff as called for by this article.

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Article Eleven

We THE People by these articles establish county offices to administer the affairs of the people in common. Such offices are empowered with certain delegated limited power(s) as the people deem just for the maintenance and function of county administration. The following is a limited and initial outline of the structure of such offices and shall be further detailed and expanded upon by a select committee formed for such purpose, and upon the submission of the final report of recommendations, the County Settlement Assembly shall discuss, modify if required, adopt such recommendations, and enter it into the county records to create and implement the Offices of County Administration as called for by this article. The following list comprises the initial offices to be filled by proper election by qualified electors of this County Settlement Assembly:

- 1. Township Supervisor (1 per township in the county)*
- 2. County Sheriff (1)*
- 3. County Chief Justice (1)*
- 4. Chief Justice of the Peace (1)*
- 5. Township Justice of the Peace (usually four (4) per township)*
- 6. County Library of Records Secretary (1)*
- 7. County Recording Clerk (1)*
- 8. County Land Records/Title/Abstract Clerk (1)*
- 9. County Treasurer /Comptroller (1)*
- 10. County Grand Jury Foreman (1)*
- 11. County Notary (1)*

Further offices to be created and filled shall be identified by the above referenced committee as from time to time are required to properly fulfill and maintain proper administration of the people's requirements for governance in County Settlement Assembly.

No member of the legal industry is qualified to hold any office designated and established for the administration of county business. The exception to this is for a legal industry member to surrender their BAR membership and be out of the legal industry for fifteen years and pass a constitutional exam as required by the Covenant of Ohio, a Free and Independent state.

Article Twelve

This covenant shall become lawfully established upon the unanimous acceptance and ratification of the living men and women, gathered in County Settlement Assembly, who have convened to review, accept and ratify by the placement of their hands (autographs) as provided for below.

After acceptance of this covenant any and all addendums that the people see fit to make to this covenant shall be drawn up and presented to the County Settlement Assembly body of electors of this county as may from time to time be deemed necessary and appropriate. The passage and inclusion of any addendum to this covenant agreement shall be by a minimum of three fourth vote of all qualified electors of the body of this County Settlement Assembly. All articles in this covenant shall remain intact and all addendums shall be made as attachments so a complete and continuous record will be maintained.

Article Thirteen

In Witness Whereof, We the people of Geauga County Settlement, in conjoined action with all other lawfully established county settlements in Ohio, a Free and Independent state, and in accord and express trust with the confederated union of the Republic for the united states of America, in the presence of our Creator who has so endowed us with the authority to enact as we have herein do declare by our autographs as evidence of our living substance and as set forth below, this County Settlement Covenant for the people assembled on the free, dry soil of Geauga County in Ohio, a Free and Independent state.

This County Settlement Covenant of, by and for the people of the Geauga County shall be open for continuing acceptance by all men and women who ratify of their own free will and volition, and who place their Autographs onto a copy of same and have such placed, along with their Declaration of Sovereign Rights in inherent and Indigenous Power, into the Library of Records as provided for herein.

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Autographs and Seals

We the people lawfully convened on the day set forth below, do hereby mark our autographs and ratify these Articles of Establishment of the Geauga County Settlement Covenant. We stand on the authority as set forth above and by our individual Declarations of Sovereign Rights Held in Indigenous Powers executed by our Autographs and Seals. We do hereby ratify this covenant in the presence of our Creator, Almighty God, with whom all glory and power does reside and to whom we humbly present this covenant for His supreme ratification and ask for the blessings that flow forth from His Divine Providence to guide, nurture and protect the undertakings of this lawful assembly and our countrymen. These undertakings have been established, certified and confirmed on the Land so that current and future generations will enjoy the fruits of their labor and the bounty of the land uninhibited and unbound, so that all in this One Nation Assembled and together with all nations conjoined in the family of Man shall abide in such as the abundance of the Divine Hand shall bless us with now and forever.

Confirmed by Ohio State, a Free and Independent state/county, office holders:

<i>State Moderator:</i>	<i>Ross Marley</i>
<i>Chief Justice of Court:</i>	<i>Gary Mark</i>
<i>County Grand Jury Foreman:</i>	<i>Non-Applicable</i>
<i>County Moderator:</i>	<i>Heidi Marie</i>
<i>County Secretary:</i>	<i>Theresa Maria</i>

Jural Assembly Ratification Autographs and Seals

Witnessed and Autographed in Peace centered with ALMIGHTY GOD, Lawfully certified original below by local men and women On the Land of Geauga County, Ohio, a Free and Independent state:

Commissioner Spidalieri applauds what they are doing and expressed that he brought before this Board a request to send a letter to the Board of Health in regards to Mr. Quade, he has been accused of being opinionated and is not an employee, but an Elected Official. Mr. Spidalieri stated that he speaks for the people and has been elected three times, adding that we need to start holding people accountable and be involved with the Trustees that are making the decisions to appoint to the Boards. Mr. Spidalieri briefly discussed something that had transpired at a Board of Health meeting with members that had planned to step down and then at the last moment changed their minds, and that in his opinion was unethical. Mr. Spidalieri stated that the people need to start holding their elected officials accountable, mentioning his daughter that has been sick at college from wearing a mask, along with as a police officer the other side with mental illness, including suicide. You need to start to take control of the School Board and Trustees that represent you and making decisions for you.

Ms. DiNallo expressed that they are on top of the school boards and their appointed employees that have taken those positions to be held accountable. Applauding Mr. Spidalieri and that they will be holding those people accountable. Ms. Hillis added that they have been working on the school boards. Mr. Spidalieri family, faith and education and we lose those three, we will collapse and these are being challenged every day.

Ms. DiNallo inquired about forensic audits and how they can get them performed. Mr. Spidalieri stated that there are strings attached to grant funding, and there is no different with the education system, including the critical race theory. If you elect bad people, you get bad results, if the right people were in there you wouldn't be having the current results. You need to get involved, and I understand that people don't want to get involved because there are people that are going to try and bash you when you try to stand up for yourself. I only have to stand up to one person in this life.

Newell Howard express his frustration, that as a resident of South Russell, he is astounded by the Mayor and Trustees.

Mr. Litke added that he used to do audits for a living and if you go to the State Auditor's website you can view audit's, the private entities perform the audit and then submit it to the state. The firms are selected by open bid, the state or schools don't have any input in it.

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Mr. Dvorak noted that for the Health District there are 16 townships and they each get 1 vote and the villages and the city get a vote, so there are 21 people who pick the five-person Board who can hire and fire the Director.

Maria Ivonne Gerard expressed that we are all entitled to our own opinions, but there is one book that we can all agree that we need to uphold, as a nationalized citizen she came here and became a citizen of the United States, reading an excerpt from the Constitution, that we are one people and we need to work as one people.

There was discussion about the constitution not being allowed to be given to the students in the schools, and that what is taking place today, is what they need to do, with the Board to get their voices out and to be heard.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

- a) The Monthly Financial Report from the County Building Department for the month of August, 2021.*
- b) The 2020-2021 Criminal Report filed by County Prosecutor James R. Flaiz as required by O.R.C. 309.16.*

OTHER

The Board reviewed upcoming events.

MEETINGS

- Fri., 9/10 NOACA Board of Directors Meeting, 9:00 a.m. Cleveland*
- Mon., 9/13 Board of Revision, 9:00 a.m. Auditor's Office*
- Tue., 9/14 Planning Commission, 7:30 a.m. 470 Center Street, Building #8 meeting room*
- Tue., 9/14 The Commissioners will hold regular session at 9:30 a.m.*
- Tue., 9/14 The Commissioners will visit the County Office Building Site*
- Mon., 9/20 Family First Council, 1:30 p.m. at Job and Family Services*
- Tue., 9/21 The Commissioners will hold regular session at 9:30 a.m.*
- Tue., 9/21 Geauga Trumbull Solid Waste Management District, Board of Directors, 1:00 p.m. Warren, District Office*
- Mon., 9/27 Board of Revision, 9:00 a.m. Auditor's Office*
- Tue., 9/28 The Commissioners will hold regular session at 9:30 a.m. that includes a Public Hearing at 10:00 a.m. for the Proposed Public Rights-of-Way Vacations of Hambden Hills Drive and Wildwood Drive in Hambden Township*

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BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD

Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to adjourn the meeting at 10:42 a.m.

Geauga County Board of Commissioners

James W. Dvorak

Timothy C. Lennon

Ralph Spidalieri

Christine Blair, Commissioners' Clerk

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