

Week Beginning October 17, 2022

Meeting of October 19, 2022

The Board of County Commissioners, Trumbull County, Ohio, met for a Regular Meeting on the 19th day of October 2022, at approximately 10:30 a.m., in the office of said Board, with the following members present:

Mauro Cantalamessa, Commissioner
Frank S. Fuda, Commissioner

RE: MINUTES

1. MOTION: Made by Mr. Cantalamessa, seconded by Mr. Fuda, to dispense with reading the minutes of the Regular Meeting dated October 13, 2022, and approve them as distributed/printed.

Yeas: Cantalamessa, Fuda
Nays: None

RE: APPROVE BILLS

2. MOTION: Made by Mr. Cantalamessa, seconded by Mr. Fuda, to approve the bills, as per the individual departmental purchase orders/invoices forwarded to the Trumbull County Auditor for payment, providing all procedures of State law have been followed.

Yeas: Cantalamessa, Fuda
Nays: None

RE: TRANSFER MONIES

3. MOTION: Made by Mr. Cantalamessa, seconded by Mr. Fuda, Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.14, to transfer monies as submitted to the Trumbull County Auditor’s Office between the dates of October 10, 2022 through October 14, 2022. *Complete list of money transfers shall be recorded onto the Journal for record purposes.*

❖ Departments/Offices requesting to transfer monies:

• Sanitary Engineers	\$ 45,664.20	Fund # 604
	\$ 2,683.03	Fund # 608
• Board of DD	\$ 1,356,315.00	Fund # 004

Yeas: Cantalamessa, Fuda
Nays: None

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RE: ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS

4. MOTION: Made by Mr. Cantalamessa, seconded by Mr. Fuda, to approve additional appropriations, as submitted to the Trumbull County Auditor’s Office between the dates of October 10, 2022 through October 14, 2022. Complete list of additional appropriations shall be recorded onto the Journal for record purposes.

❖ Departments/Offices requesting additional appropriations:

• County Courts	\$ 8,000.00	Fund # 054
• Board of DD	\$ 1,356,315.00	Fund # 112
• Comm Mental Health Board	\$ 1,014,420.00	Fund # 221
	\$ 102,681.00	Fund # 221
• Health Board	\$ 100,000.00	Fund # 974
	\$ 10,000.00	Fund # 974
• Comm Develop FY21	\$ 10,000.00	Fund # 223

Yeas: Cantalamessa, Fuda

Nays: None

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RE: TRANSFER APPROPRIATIONS

5. MOTION: Made by Mr. Cantalamessa, seconded by Mr. Fuda, to transfer appropriations, as submitted to the Trumbull County Auditor’s Office between the dates of October 10, 2022 through October 14, 2022. Complete list of appropriation transfers shall be recorded onto the Journal for record purposes.

❖ Departments/Offices requesting to transfer appropriations:

• Health Board	\$ 8,000.00	Fund # 950
	\$ 1,075.00	Fund # 974
• Comm Develop FY20	\$ 1,705.20	Fund # 225
	\$ 24,961.40	Fund # 225
	\$ 5,888.62	Fund # 225
	\$ 1,913.50	Fund # 258
• EMA	\$ 2,000.00	Fund # 023
	\$ 4,000.00	Fund # 023
	\$ 3,000.00	Fund # 023
	\$ 2,000.00	Fund # 023
• Auditor	\$ 77,000.00	Fund # 007
	\$ 32,000.00	Fund # 007
• Common Pleas Court	\$ 140.00	Fund # 001
• Sanitary Engineer	\$ 768.50	Fund # 479
• NEOCAP	\$ 1,874.00	Fund # 991
	\$ 15,000.00	Fund # 990
	\$ 2,462.00	Fund # 990

Yeas: Cantalamessa, Fuda

Nays: None

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**RE: AMENDED CERTIFICATE NO. 27-2022
COUNTY BUDGET COMMISSION**

6. MOTION: Made by Mr. Cantalamessa, seconded by Mr. Fuda, to receive the Amended Certificate of the County Budget Commission No. 27 - 2022, for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2022, dated October 19, 2022, increasing estimated resources in the funds listed:

- **Comm Develop FY21** **Fund # 223**
- **Comm Mental Health Board** **Fund # 221**

Yeas: Cantalamessa, Fuda

Nays: None

**RE: SPECIAL HAULING PERMIT TO MOVE
OVERWEIGHT EQUIPMENT - COUNTY
ENGINEER**

7. MOTION: Made by Mr. Cantalamessa, seconded by Mr. Fuda, to concur with the Trumbull County Engineer to grant the Special Hauling Permits to Move Overweight Equipment over Trumbull County roadways, requested by the company listed. The necessary permit fee, bond and insurance have been submitted and approval is subject to the conditions listed on each permit.

- **DIAMOND STEEL CONSTRUCTION COMPANY**
P.O. Box 156, North Lima, OH 44452
Permit No.: 1163
Permit Effective: October 14, 2022 through October 18, 2022
To haul or move overweight equipment over the aforementioned road in Howland Township.

Yeas: Cantalamessa, Fuda

Nays: None

Mr. Fuda said the Highway Engineer's Department has not come to any of his department head meetings and only attend Ms. Frenchko's meetings. He further stated Ms. Frenchko did not have a meeting this week and it would have only taken five minutes to attend his.

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RE: RIGHT-OF-WAY PERMIT - COUNTY ENGINEER

8. MOTION: Made by Mr. Cantalamessa, seconded by Mr. Fuda, to concur with the Trumbull County Engineer to grant the Right-of-Way Permit requested by the company listed. The necessary permit fee has been submitted and approval is subject to the conditions listed on the permit.

- WARREN CHICKEN, 301 Route 17N, Suite 802, Ruthersford, NJ 07070, to open cut Elm Rd. (C.H. 328), in order to determine the depth of the existing waterline in order to provide information necessary for the boring installation of a sanitary line across Elm Rd. This will be located approximately 950 feet south of Blair Dr. (T.H. 976) in Howland Township.

Yeas: Cantalamessa, Fuda
Nays: None

RE: SPECIAL ANNUAL SUPPLIER FLEET PERMIT- COUNTY ENGINEER

9. MOTION: Made by Mr. Cantalamessa, seconded by Mr. Fuda, to concur with the Trumbull County Engineer to grant the Special Annual Supplier Fleet Permit for fleet vehicles to transport aggregate, concrete, construction goods or other like materials (not to exceed 80,000 lbs. gross vehicle weight), to sites located upon load posted Trumbull County roadways requested by the company listed. The necessary permit fee and insurance information have been submitted and approval is subject to the conditions listed on the permit.

- CHAGRIN OIL AND GAS
P.O. Box 848, Middlefield, OH 44062
Permit No.: AF-065-2022
Permit Effective: October 12, 2022 through October 12, 2023

Yeas: Cantalamessa, Fuda
Nays: None

RE: AGREEMENT WITH CT CONSULTANTS, INC. TO PROVIDE PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR LAYER ROAD BRIDGE (WARREN #1) REPLACEMENT PROJECT LOCATED IN WARREN TOWNSHIP

10. MOTION: Made by Mr. Cantalamessa, seconded by Mr. Fuda, to approve an Agreement with CT CONSULTANTS, INC., 7965 N. High Street, 340, Columbus, OH 43235 to provide professional engineering services for the LAYER ROAD BRIDGE (WARREN #1) REPLACEMENT PROJECT, located in Warren Township, in the amount of \$49,038.00— subject to direct payment from a Federal Grant received by Trumbull County through the County Engineer’s Office Association of Ohio (CEAO), which will fund 100% of the engineering costs—no general fund monies requested.

NOTE: CT Consultants, Inc. was direct selected from a list of Ohio Department of Transportation pre-qualified consultants as the most qualified to provide the required services, per the Trumbull County Engineer’s Consultant Selection process. CT Consultants, Inc. is also on Trumbull County’s Pre-Qualified Professional Design Firm’s List.

Yeas: Cantalamessa, Fuda
Nays: None

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RE: PURCHASE OF 2023 INTERNATIONAL CHASSIS, GAPVAX COMBINATION TRUCK, FROM MTECH-SANITARY ENGINEER'S DEPARTMENT

11. MOTION: Made by Mr. Cantalamessa, seconded by Mr. Fuda, to authorize the purchase of a 2023 International Chassis, GapVax Combination Truck, from MTECH – 7401 1st Pl, Cleveland, OH 44146, for the use of the Trumbull County Sanitary Engineers Department, in the total amount of \$514,900.00 (through the Ohio STS Pricing Contract Number: 800834) \$318,372.11 will be paid from Fund No. 423-080-3000-3020-1-505410 and \$196,527.89 will be paid from Fund No 423-080-3000-3025-1-505410

MTECH	\$514,900.00
Brown Equipment	\$506, 459.32
Jack Doheney	No Response

Yeas: Cantalamessa, Fuda
Nays: None

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RE: PURCHASE OF SEVEN (7) 2023 CHEVROLET SILVERADO 1500 PICKUP TRUCKS, FROM VALLEY CHEVROLET--SANITARY ENGINEER'S DEPARTMENT

12. MOTION: Made by Mr. Cantalamessa, seconded by Mr. Fuda, to authorize the purchase of seven (7) 2023 CHEVROLET SILVERADO 1500 PICKUP TRUCKS, from VALLEY CHEVROLET, 46767 OH-18, Wellington, OH 44090, for the use of the Trumbull County Sanitary Engineers Department, in the total amount of \$271,915.00 (This is a State Purchasing Program price per Contract No. RSI007535) to be paid from Fund No. 488-080-3000-3030-1-505410- in the amount of \$40,188.57 Fund No. 423-080-3000-3020-1-505410 in the amount of \$163,741.39 and Fund No. 423-080-3000-3025-1-505410 in the amount of \$67,985.04; this action is per the recommendation of the Sanitary Engineer.

NOTE: (5) Vehicles will replace a 2007 Dodge Ram with 197,000 miles, a 2013 GMC Sierra with 166,000 and a transmission problem, a 2006 GMC Savana van that was sold at an auction, a 2013 Dodge RAM Caravan with 169,000 and a 2007 GMC Canyon with 174,000. Two (2) Vehicles will be an addition to the package plant operator and for Survey Crew/ Project Engineer / GIS Coordinator.

Yeas: Cantalamessa, Fuda
Nays: None

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RE: PURCHASE OF TWO (2) 2023 CHEVROLET SILVERADO 2500 PICKUP TRUCKS VALLEY CHEVROLET SANITARY ENGINEERS DEPARTMENT

13. MOTION: Made by Mr. Cantalamessa, seconded by Mr. Fuda, to authorize the purchase of two (2) 2023 CHEVROLET SILVERADO 2500 PICKUP TRUCKS, from VALLEY CHEVROLET, 46767 OH-18, Wellington, OH 44090, for the use of the Trumbull County Sanitary Engineers Department, in the total amount of \$85,390.00 (This is a State Purchasing Program price per Contract No. RSI007535) to be paid from Fund No. 423-080-3000-3020-1-505410 in the amount of \$42,695.00 and Fund No. 423-080-3000-3025-1-505410 in the amount of \$42,695.00; this action is per the recommendation of the Sanitary Engineer.

NOTE: (2) Vehicles will replace a 2006 Ford F250 with 136,000 and a 2006 GMC Sierra with 68,000 and the side floorboard has completely rusted through.

Mr. Cantalamessa said the onset of the Covid Epidemic interfered with the Sanitary Engineer's Department obtaining truck replacements for their department. Mr. Newbrough said they had truck replacements on the Agenda of May 2021 for two vehicles, August of 2021 for four vehicles and February of 2022 for four which totals 10 vehicles that were on previous agendas that have never been acquired. Mr. Cantalamessa said there were two vehicles prior to Covid the Sanitary Engineer's Department weren't able to get. Mr. Fuda said Mr. Sliwinski was fortunate enough to get a vehicle last week his department had been waiting on. Mr. Newbrough said the staff is using their personal vehicles, have to be reimbursed for mileage, and the supply chain problem has really set them back. Mr. Newbrough said a lot of the places are remote for their department so they need four-wheel drive to get around.

Yeas: Cantalamessa, Fuda

Nays: None

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RE: ACKNOWLEDGE RESIGNATION OF MR. ZACHARY HALL --POSITION OF TREATMENT PLANT OPERATOR – SANITARY ENGINEERS DEPARTMENT

14. MOTION: Made by Mr. Cantalamessa, seconded by Mr. Fuda, to accept the resignation of MR. ZACHARY HALL from his position of TREATMENT PLANT OPERATOR with the Trumbull County Sanitary Engineers Department, effective October 22, 2022. *Mr. Hall's resignation letter shall be recorded onto the Journal for record purposes;* this action per the recommendation of the Sanitary Engineers Office and the Human Resource Department.

NOTE: We wish Zac much success and happiness in his future endeavors.

Yeas: Cantalamessa, Fuda

Nays: None

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RE: AUTHORIZE COMMISSIONERS' ASST. CLERK TO PUBLISH LEGAL NOTICE FOR PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING VEGETATION/SEDIMENT REMOVAL, RESTORATION OF OUTLET CONTROL STRUCTURE AND RESTORATION OF CALDWELL WOODS PLAT NO. 2 DRAINAGE DISTRICT DETENTION POND LOCATED IN CHAMPION TOWNSHIP

15. MOTION: Made by Mr. Cantalamessa, seconded by Mr. Fuda, to authorize the Assistant Clerk of the Board of Trumbull County Commissioners to publish a Legal Notice for a Public Hearing regarding the vegetation and sediment removal, restoration of outlet control structure and restoration of the CALDWELL WOODS PLAT NO. 2 DRAINAGE DISTRICT DETENTION POND located in Champion Township, to be held on November 16, 2022, at 6:00 p.m., in the Trumbull County Administration Building, 5th Floor, 160 High Street N.W., Warren, OH 44481; AND to further authorize the Assistant Clerk to issue letters to the property owners located in the Caldwell Woods Plat No. 2 Drainage District to issue letters to advise the property owners of this Public Hearing; to be paid from Fund #001-011-1000-1010-1-505501.

Yeas: Cantalamessa, Fuda
Nays: None

Mr. Fuda said he has been out to the property in Champion Township several times and Mr. Misocky has been working diligently on this project.

Legal Notice recorded on Journal Page(s) _____.)

RE: RECEIVE/FILE MONTHLY ACTIVITIES REPORT SEPTEMBER 2022 – DOG KENNEL

16. MOTION: Made by Mr. Cantalamessa, seconded by Mr. Fuda, to receive and place on file the Monthly Activities Report for the TRUMBULL COUNTY DOG KENNEL for the month of SEPTEMBER 2022; as submitted by Michelle Goss, Chief Executive Dog Warden.

NOTE: Monthly Report shall be recorded on the Journal for record purposes.

Yeas: Cantalamessa, Fuda
Nays: None

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RE: AMEND AGENDA ITEM DATED 09/21/2022;
JOURNAL VOL. 155, PAGE 25090, CONCURRING
WITH PLANNING COMMISSION TO APPROVE
AGREEMENT BETWEEN COMMISSIONERS AND
SPECTRUM MID-AMERICA, LLC—AMENDMENT
NECESSARY TO ADD FUNDING SOURCE

17. MOTION: Made by Mr. Cantalamessa, seconded by Mr. Fuda, to Amend Agenda Item dated September 21, 2022, Journal Volume 155, Page 25090, concurring with the Trumbull County Planning Commission to approve an Agreement by and between the Board OF TRUMBULL COUNTY COMMISSIONERS and SPECTRUM MID-AMERICA, LLC, by its Manager, Charter Communications, Inc., for the purpose of installing a Fiber to the Premise (FTTP) broadband network to the addresses identified in our state application with a \$25,000 contribution from Trumbull County. Trumbull County’s contribution was previously approved on November 3, 2001, and is duly recorded in their Journal Volume 154, Page 24353—AMENDMENT necessary to add the funding source to be paid from Fund #943-130-1100-1-505552.

NOTE: Payments are to be made in two equal payments of \$12,500 in accordance with milestones identified in Exhibit A of the agreement.

Yeas: Cantalamessa, Fuda

Nays: None

RE: LIQUOR PERMIT

18. MOTION: Made by Mr. Cantalamessa, seconded by Mr. Fuda, to notify the Ohio Department of Liquor Control that a public hearing is not requested on the Liquor Permit Application listed.

TRANSFER CLASSES C1, C2, D6

FROM:	ALEX SAMMI LLC d/b/a VALLEY VIEW FOOD MART 2110 Elm Rd. (Howland Township) Warren, OH 44483
TO:	JOUNIEH 4 LLC 2110 Elm Rd., NE (Howland Township) Warren, OH 44483

Yeas: Cantalamessa, Fuda

Nays: None

RE: TRANSFER MR. BRIAN PISHOTTI, CUSTODIAN,
MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT TO POSITION OF
GROUNDSKEEPER, MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 24, 2022

19. MOTION: Made by Mr. Cantalamessa, seconded by Mr. Fuda, to authorize the transfer of Mr. Brian Pishotti, Custodian, Maintenance Department, Pay Range 3 (10 years), to the position of Groundskeeper, Maintenance Department, Pay Range 4 (10 years). This is in response to an authorized job posting from September 21 through September 29, 2022.

NOTE: Mr. Pishotti is the most senior Bargaining Unit member to apply for this position. His rate of pay as Custodian was \$17.79 per hour, his rate of pay as a Groundskeeper will be \$19.21 per hour. Mr. Pishotti will begin his new duties on Monday, October 24, 2022.

Yeas: Cantalamessa, Fuda

Nays: None

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Summarized Comments

**** A copy of the email Mr. Fuda read will be placed in the meeting folder of October 19, 2022.**

Mr. Fuda said there was very disturbing email he read yesterday. He said you read about bullying in schools and the same thing is going on here. Mr. Fuda read an email from Attorney Mark S. Finamore regarding Public Records Requests Mr. Finamore's client submitted with various Trumbull County Departments. Mr. Fuda read the email in its entirety stating the part that bothered him and others the most was the email stated, Mr. Finamore's client was considering hiring a professional protest service out of California, to conduct lawful informational picketing at these person's homes and the schools attended by their children. Plus, he would be contacting these people to see if they will provide burn barrels and porta-johns at their homes and schools to reduce the cost of them having to provide these barrels and porta-johns under their contract with this service. Mr. Fuda said this is the most pathetic thing he's seen in his 32 years. Mr. Fuda said he's there every day when phone calls and emails start coming in. Mr. Fuda said Ms. Frenchko wanted to fire two people when she took office and hire an Administrator. He went on to say she has a list of people she was going to bully until they quit or write them up so she could fire them.

****The letter Mr. Fuda read will be placed in the meeting folder of October 19, 2022.**

Mr. Fuda read a letter regarding the Commissioners' staff stating the office is short three people. He said quality work keeps being done despite distractions and additional work with ARPA. Mr. Fuda said the staff continues to endure daily harassment, intimidation, cyber bullying and receives endless public records requests. Mr. Fuda further stated the staff has to withstand disparaging accusations made against them on social media. Mr. Fuda spoke about the pandemic and the staff working long hours to make it through. He asked the union leaders present if they would put up with this treatment in regards to their workers. He said businesses wouldn't be allowed to harass their workers, but as a county, you are allowed to harass and bully. Mr. Fuda said this has to stop as the staff can't work under these conditions. Mr. Fuda said he doesn't know if any agency could help stop this, but he knows he couldn't work under these conditions. Mr. Fuda told the Press he would be happy to give them any of the information he presented.

Ms. Amy Jo Giovannone spoke about getting the truth out and Ms. Frenchko's personal Facebook Page. Ms. Giovannone said Ms. Frenchko stated on her personal Facebook Page that Mr. Cantalamessa, Mr. Fuda and Ms. Roberta Cykon got together to ambush her at the last Commissioners' Meeting and that is why Ms. Frenchko left the meeting. Ms. Giovannone spoke about Ms. Roberta Cykon and the Code of Conduct. Mr. Fuda spoke about Ms. Frenchko videotaping Mr. Fuda and Cantalamessa throughout the office and stated Ms. Frenchko cuts certain things out of the tape and only puts what she wants to show. Ms. Amanda Hebert spoke about the meeting Mr. Cantalamessa was having with AWL. Ms. Hebert said she was a target of Ms. Frenchko, but would rather speak to her when she was present. Mr. Fuda asked Mr. Michael O'Brien if he knew where Ms. Frenchko was as she speaks of him often. Mr. O'Brien thanked the Board for the moment to speak and said it has come to his attention that members of this Board have referred to him as meeting with a County Commissioner. Mr. O'Brien said he wanted to set the record straight once and for all that he has not met with any County Commissioners—any present county commissioner regarding county business or personnel. He went on to say the insinuation of such things was absurd, ridiculous and uncalled for. Mr. O'Brien said he expected an apology. He thanked the Board for the invitation to speak, but he only came there to observe the Commissioners' meeting. Mr. Fuda said Mr. O'Brien had several meetings at the fairgrounds with the fair board. Mr. O'Brien said he attended a meeting by invitation from the fair board. Mr. Fuda asked if he attended a meeting with Ms. Frenchko. Mr. O'Brien said, absolutely not. Mr. Fuda asked Mr. O'Brien why Ms. Frenchko was telling Mr. Newbrough (Sanitary Engineer) that she was going to fire him and asked Mr. Newbrough if that was true. Mr. Newbrough said that Ms. Frenchko has insinuated that, but he has learned recently that Mr. O'Brien has no ill will towards him. Mr. Marty Loney, President of Western Reserve Building Trades spoke about Mercy Health stating he would appreciate the Commissioners looking into replatting the land so they can move forward in a timely. Mr. Cantalamessa said they met with Mercy Health the day before. Mr. Loney said they want to keep their people working and keep that money local. Mr. Cantalamessa said and the Board if looking for the investment to for Trumbull County. Mr. Fuda said they are 100 percent on board as they told the representative from Mercy Health. Ms. Patty Wyatt let the Board know the conference bridge was working. Mr. Fuda told Mr. O'Brien he may want to tell Ms. Frenchko she is wrong in what she is saying as she is using his name—not the Commissioners. Mr. Cantalamessa told Mr. O'Brien saying as a member of the Board he was talking about Mr. O'Brien. Mr. O'Brien said he was speaking about Mr. Fuda. Mr. Fuda asked Mr. O'Brien if he wanted him to tell the truth about the things Mr. O'Brien has been saying about him for the last two years. Mr. Fuda said he had a conversation with a Commissioner from Mahoning County that verified the information. Mr. Cantalamessa said to be careful when you say members of this Board. Mr. O'Brien said Mr. Fuda, not Mr. Cantalamessa. Mr. Fuda told Mr. O'Brien he doesn't lie and doesn't have a problem standing up to him, Randy Smith or anyone.

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RE: ADJOURN

MOTION: Made by Mr. Cantalamessa, seconded by Mr. Fuda, to adjourn the Regular Meeting of October 19, 2022 @ approximately 11:07 a.m., and to meet again in Regular Session on October 26, 2022.

Yeas: Cantalamessa, Fuda

Nays: None

WE CERTIFY THAT EACH AND ALL OF THE FOREGOING TO BE CORRECT.

FRANK S. FUDA, PRESIDENT

MAURO CANTALAMESSA, COMMISSIONER

NIKI FRENCHKO, COMMISSIONER

ATTEST:

PAULA J. VIVODA-KLOTZ, CLERK