

Week Beginning March 20, 2023

Meeting of March 22, 2023

The Board of County Commissioners, Trumbull County, Ohio, met for a Regular Meeting on the 22nd day of March 2023, at approximately 10:30 a.m., in the office of said Board, with the following members present:

Mauro Cantalamessa, Commissioner  
Niki Frenchko, Commissioner  
Dennis Malloy, Commissioner

**MS. FRENCKO MOTION MADE FROM THE FLOOR TO ENCOURAGE THE BOARD THAT ALL MEETINGS BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS WILL BE PROPERLY NOTICED WITH A PROPER STATED PURPOSE SO THAT WE ARE COMPLYING WITH THE SUNSHINE LAW**

**MOTION DIED FOR LACK OF SECOND**

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**RE: MINUTES**

**1. MOTION:** Made by Mr. Cantalamessa, seconded by Mr. Malloy, to dispense with reading the minutes of the Regular Meeting dated March 15, 2023, and approve them as distributed/printed.

Yeas: Cantalamessa, Malloy

Nays: Frenchko

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**RE: APPROVE BILLS**

**2. MOTION:** Made by Mr. Cantalamessa, seconded by Mr. Malloy, 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, Malloy, Frenchko

Nays: None

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**RE: RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING WEEK OF MARCH 21-27 AS NATIONAL AGRICULTURE WEEK IN TRUMBULL COUNTY, OHIO, IN CONJUNCTION WITH NATIONAL AGRICULTURE WEEK**

**3. MOTION:** Made by Mr. Cantalamessa, seconded by Ms. Frenchko, to adopt a Resolution to proclaim the Week of MARCH 21-27 as NATIONAL AGRICULTURE WEEK in Trumbull County, Ohio, in conjunction with National Agriculture Week.

**RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS,** American agriculture is the foundation of our country. It's the backbone of a healthy and prosperous nation—made possible by the hard work of America's farmers and their families; and

**WHEREAS,** not only does American agriculture produce food, fiber and renewable resource products, but agriculture is essential to maintaining a strong economy. The agriculture industry is dedicated to ensuring Ohioans as well as all Americans have access to safe, abundant and affordable products; and

**WHEREAS,** when factoring in all the jobs involved in processing, distributing, and marketing food and fiber products, it is evident that American agriculture is truly everywhere and touches everyone on a daily basis; and

**WHEREAS,** the Board of Trumbull County Commissioners acknowledges the importance of recognizing the hard work and dedication of our local farmers and how their thankless jobs impact the betterment of our lives.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Trumbull County Commissioners call upon all citizens to acknowledge and celebrate the achievements of all those who, working together, produce an abundance of agriculture products that strengthen and enrich our community and our nation.

**THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the Board of Trumbull County Commissioners hereby declares MARCH 21-27, 2023 as NATIONAL AGRICULTURE WEEK in Trumbull County, Ohio.

*Mr. Malloy read the Resolution (Item #3) aloud and introduced Mandy Orawell and Steve Kacerski from the Farm Bureau. Ms. Orawell spoke about how important agriculture is to the community. Steve Kacerski spoke about the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Agriculture Day and the importance of farmers to the community.*

Yeas: Cantalamessa, Frenchko, Malloy  
Nays: None

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**RE: RECEIVE/RECORD PETITIONS SIGNED BY OWNERS OF LOTS AND LANDS SITUATED ON WARREN - MEADVILLE ROAD AND ELM ROAD (SR 5) BEGINNING AT INTERSECTION OF WARREN MEADVILLE ROAD AND DURST COLEBROOK ROAD AND EXTENDING NORTHERLY AS LISTED LOCATED IN BAZETTA TOWNSHIP FOR CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE OF WATER LINE TO SERVE SAID LOTS AND LANDS**

**4. MOTION:** Made by Mr. Cantalamessa, seconded by Mr. Malloy, to receive the Petitions signed by owners of lots and lands situated on WARREN-MEADVILLE ROAD AND ELM ROAD (SR 5) beginning at the intersection of Warren Meadville Road and Durst Colebrook Road and extending northerly along a portion of Warren Meadville Road approximately 2,200 feet and along a portion of Elm Road (SR 5) from the intersection of Beaver Trail and extending northerly approximately 8,100 feet located in Bazetta Township, requesting Trumbull County to provide for the construction and maintenance of a water line to serve said lots and lands; and to refer said Petitions to the Trumbull County Sanitary Engineer for his review and recommendations.

*Mr. Malloy spoke about the waterline that would connect to the Champion-Bristol District, District which will keep cost down, instead of creating its own district. Mr. Malloy commended Mr. Gary Newbrough and the Bazetta Township Trustees for getting the Petition signed in record fashion. He further stated Mr. Newbrough will have the public hearing in around six weeks with hopes of breaking ground by October 1, 2023.*

Yeas: Cantalamessa, Malloy, Frenchko

Nays: None

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**RE: EMPLOYMENT -- MR. ANTHONY SICILIANO POSITION OF DRAFTSPERSON WITH SANITARY ENGINEERS DEPARTMENT**

**5. MOTION:** Made by Mr. Cantalamessa, seconded by Mr. Malloy, to approve the personnel action for the employment of MR. ANTHONY SICILIANO for the position of DRAFTSPERSON with the TRUMBULL COUNTY SANITARY ENGINEERS DEPARTMENT; effective March 27, 2023, Pay Range 8 (0 years) \$19.8233- - *pursuant to the authorized job posting from February 10 to 21, 2023*; this action per the recommendation of the Human Resources Department in conjunction with the Sanitary Engineer's.

**NOTE:** This vacancy is due to an employee resignation. Mr. Siciliano successfully passed a pre-employment drug screen, and background check.

Yeas: Cantalamessa, Malloy, Frenchko

Nays: None

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**RE: RECEIVE RESOLUTION NO. M-22-169, PASSED BY BROOKFIELD TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES REQUESTING BROOKFIELD NO. 10 BRIDGE (SFN 7836236), BE RENAMED “VIETNAM VETERANS MEMORIAL BRIDGE” IN HONOR OF VETERANS AND SET PUBLIC HEARING FOR APRIL 19, 2023, AT 10:00 A.M., IN THE BOARD OF TRUMBULL COUNTY COMMISSIONERS’ HEARING ROOM**

**6. MOTION:** Made by Ms. Frenchko, seconded by Mr. Cantalamessa, to receive the Resolution No. M-22-169, passed by the Brookfield Township Trustees on December 5, 2022 and a letter dated January 17, 2023, requesting the Brookfield No. 10 Bridge (SFN 7836236), be renamed the “VIETNAM VETERANS MEMORIAL BRIDGE” in honor of Marine Lance Corporal, McArthur Coleman; Army Private First Class, Paul E. Good; and Army Staff Sergeant, Martin Walker, Jr, and the Trumbull County Engineer’s office, dated March 15, 2023; AND to set up a public hearing for the consideration of the BRIDGE NAME CHANGE. The notice setting forth the date, time, and place of this public hearing shall be published in the Tribune Chronicle; in accordance with the Ohio Revised Code Section 5511.09.

*Mr. Cantalamessa spoke about the rich history in Trumbull County for naming bridges after veterans. He commended Bob Marino and the Brookfield Township Trustees for being part of this process.*

Yeas: Frenchko, Cantalamessa, Malloy  
Nays: None

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**RE: APPROVE SICK AND VACATION LEAVE CONVERSION PLAN FOR EMPLOYEES OF COUNTY ENGINEER**

**7. MOTION:** Made by Mr. Cantalamessa, seconded by Mr. Malloy, to concur with the Trumbull County Engineer’s Department to approve the Sick and Conversion Plan, Pursuant to Section 145.01 of the Ohio Revised Code and Ohio Administrative Code 145-1-26, Trumbull County Engineer is executing a plan for the Conversion of Sick Leave and Vacation Leave to cash for leave that is accrued, but not used, during the calendar year, as defined as January 1 to December 31, as part of an annual conversion plan. These earnings are earnable salary on which employee and employer contributions shall be remitted to OPERS.

Leave shall be converted on a last in, first out (LIFO) basis. The leave to be considered earnable salary is the leave accrued to date in the current calendar year, less any leave used to date in the same calendar year. For retiring employees, conversion payment must occur according to the plan and either prior to or during the month of their termination date for this earnable salary to be included in the calculation of Final Average Salary.

The following payments made to employees shall not have retirement contributions withheld, as the payments do not meet the definition of earnable salary for OPERS purposes:

**RE: APPROVE SICK/VACATION LEAVE—COUNTY ENGINEER’S DEPT. (Cont’d)**

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- leave in excess of the annual amount of leave accrued January 1 to December 31 less leave used January 1 to time of payment
- leave earned in previous calendar years (other than payments made in January for leave accrued but not used during the previous calendar year)
- conversion of leave to employees separating employment
- conversion of leave to retiring employees outside of regular payment schedule

The conversion is for non-bargaining unit employees with at least 25 years of service. Employees receive payment for hours converted in January of the following year. Participating employees may convert both sick and vacation leave or may choose to convert only sick leave or only vacation leave. The maximum amount of leave employees earn in a year is:

- Sick leave (80 hours)
- Vacation leave (40 hours)

**Leave Accrual:**

- Sick leave is accrued per pay period
- Vacation leave is accrued per pay period

To participate in the conversion plan, employees must have a balance of 180 hours of sick leave to cash out sick leave hours and/or at least 120 hours of vacation to cash out vacation hours. The maximum amount of sick hours allowed to be cashed out in 2023 is 80 hours. The maximum amount of vacation hours allowed to be cashed out in 2023 is 40 hours.

This plan must be submitted to OPERS for approval by March 31 of each year, or prior to any conversion plan payment being made to employees.

*Ms. Frenchko stated the County Engineer was using the same numbers as the Commissioners, but they have it structured it in a fashion that intensifies retention. Ms. Frenchko asked the Board if they would be interested in modeling this structure. Mr. Cantalamessa asked in what way. There was discussion regarding employees having to have twenty-five years of service in this plan, questions if there were any employees within the Commissioners' Office that had twenty-five years of service, or employees under the Commissioners' Office.*

Yeas: Cantalamessa, Malloy, Frenchko

Nays: None

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

8. **MOTION:** Made by Mr. Cantalamessa, seconded by Mr. Malloy, to concur with the Trumbull County Engineer to grant the Special Hauling Permits to Move Overweight Equipment over Trumbull County roadways, requested by the companies 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.: 1171**  
**Permit Effective: March 17, 2023 through March 21, 2023**  
To haul or move overweight equipment over West Market Street (C.H. 322) in Warren Township.
- **PIONEER HEAVY HAUL, INC.**  
262 Silverthorn St., Welland, ON, Canada L3B 5N4  
**Permit No.: 1169**  
**Permit Effective: March 15, 2023 through March 19, 2023**  
To haul or move overweight equipment over Chestnut Ridge Rd., (C.H. 12 D.E, & F) in Hubbard Township.

Yeas: Cantalamessa, Malloy, Frenchko  
Nays: None

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**RE: SPECIAL ANNUAL SUPPLIER FLEET  
PERMITS- COUNTY ENGINEER**

9. **MOTION:** Made by Ms. Frenchko, seconded by Mr. Cantalamessa, to concur with the Trumbull County Engineer to grant the Special Annual Supplier Fleet Permits 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 companies listed. The necessary permit fee and insurance information have been submitted and approval is subject to the conditions listed on the permits.

- **JAMES E. MATEYKO, INC.**  
3184 Youngstown Kingsville Rd., Cortland, OH 44410  
**Permit No.: AF-019-2023**  
**Permit Effective: April 4, 2023 through April 4, 2024**
- **FOUST LEASING, INC.**  
1700 Wilson Ave., Girard. OH 44420  
**Permit No.: AF-020-2023**  
**Permit Effective: April 11, 2023 through April 11, 2024**

Yeas: Frenchko, Cantalamessa, Malloy  
Nays: None

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**RE: RIGHT-OF-WAY PERMIT --  
COUNTY ENGINEER**

**10. MOTION:** Made by Ms. Frenchko, seconded by Mr. Cantalamessa, 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.

- **DOMINION EAST OHIO**, 320 Springside Drive, Akron, OH 44333, to work in the right-of-way of Warren Sharon Rd. (C.H. 329B), in order to install a gas service connection at service address #4275. This will be located approximately 385’ west of Youngstown Kingsville Rd. (S.R. 193) in Vienna Township.

Yeas: Frenchko, Cantalamessa, Malloy  
Nays: None

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**RE: RESIGNATION MEMBERS LISTED --  
THE WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD  
OF TRUMBULL COUNTY**

**11. MOTION:** Made by Mr. Cantalamessa, seconded by Mr. Malloy, To acknowledge the resignation of the members listed of THE WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD OF TRUMBULL COUNTY, effective March 31, 2023; this action per the recommendation of William J. Turner, Executive Director of the Workforce Development Board of Trumbull County.

- **MR. SCOTT BRUSH**, Owner, Express Employment Professionals Business Representative—Mr. Brush’s territory no longer includes Trumbull County.
- **MS. LISA TADDEI**, Manager External Affairs, First Energy Business Representative—Ms. Taddei can no longer serve on the Board due to a new company policy.
- **MR. STEPHEN TELEGO, SR.**, Owner/Senior Consultant, The Business Services Group—Mr. Telego can no longer serve on the Board due to a conflicting business obligation. Trumbull County.

***NOTE: The Board of Commissioners wishes to thank these individuals for their commitment and dedicated service to The Workforce Development Board of Trumbull County.***

Yeas: Cantalamessa, Malloy, Frenchko  
Nays: None

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**RE: REVISED SUBGRANT NO. 2021-RO-ETF-R574 FOR COUNTY SHERIFF’S OFFICE (TAG) LAW ENFORCEMENT TASK FORCE AND AUTHORIZE DENNY MALLOY, PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD TO EXECUTE SAID AGREEMENT**

**12. MOTION:** Made by Mr. Cantalamessa, seconded by Mr. Malloy, to authorize Denny Malloy, President of the Board of Trumbull County Commissioners, to execute on behalf of Trumbull County, the Revised Subgrant No. 2021-RO-ETF-R574 for use by the Trumbull County Sheriff’s Office (TAG Law Enforcement Task Force).

Yeas: Cantalamessa, Malloy, Frenchko

Nays: None

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**RE: APPROVE PROMOTION -- MS. CHELSEA COSTELLO AS ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT DEPT. OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES**

**13. MOTION:** Made by Mr. Cantalamessa, seconded by Mr. Malloy, to approve the promotion of MS. CHELSEA COSTELLO as an ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT (non-bargaining employee) with the TRUMBULL COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES, effective Monday, March 20, 2023. Ms. Costello will be paid \$23.96 per hour with full County benefits. She will be required to serve a nine (9) month probationary period; this action per the recommendation of John Gargano, Esq., Director of the Trumbull County Department of Job and Family Services.

*Ms. Frenchko stated this was the first new hire coming over from the new human resources director, employee listed doesn’t meet minimum qualifications required, concerns of subjectivity of process, concerns of employee having same last name as tenured employee at DJFS. Ms. Frenchko asked if Ms. Chelsea Costello was a family member of Melanie Costello. Ms. Alex DeVengencie-Bush stated she answered Ms. Frenchko regarding this question through email and said the answer was, no-- the two employees are not related. Ms. Frenchko asked about the new Admin Assistant not meeting the minimum qualifications. Ms. DeVengencie-Bush said that was not true. Ms. Frenchko shared concerns regarding the rubric sent to her stating there was a zero in the category of agency experience. Ms. Alex DeVengencie-Bush addressed Ms. Frenchko’s concerns regarding agency experience, being objective verses subjective. Discussion continued regarding the score sheet and questions of how it was graded. Ms. DeVengencie-Bush explained the aptitude test was based on knowledge/skills and abilities needed for the position based off the job description and stated the test was objective. Mr. Cantalamessa stated they covered this topic at length at the public workshop stating it was 75% objective/25%, and stated subjectivity is present with every interview. There was discussion regarding being subjective based on who’s reviewing the scoring of the test, question who it would be subjective as two different people grading the test for checks and balances, some DJFS employees complaining the position is being filled by a friend of Ms. DeVengencie-Bush, criticizing from different angles, hiring practices that lack integrity to put employees in certain positions, placing a hire on the agenda that wasn’t advertised, Mrs. Martha Yoder bringing someone on as an Elected Official, reviewing the ORC, understanding the strength of the Board, is the Majority of the Board when making decision. Ms. DeVengencie-Bush stated the total points possible for the employee to earn was 200 points, she gave the Board a detailed summary of the scoring of what was objective and subjective. She further stated, 50 points could be considered subjective; however, 150 of the 200 points are objective, and that is fair and equitable in the hiring process. Mr. Malloy stated seven candidates were interviewed. Ms. Frenchko spoke about being subjective relating to discipline—stating if an employee is protected, they won’t have disciplinary actions in their record.*

Yeas: Cantalamessa, Malloy

Nays: Frenchko

**MS. FRENCHKO VOTED NO BECAUSE IT APPEARS TO BE FAVORITISIM AND IT LACKS OBJECTIVITY AND IS MORE SUBJECTIVE**



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**RE: REMOVE FROM TABLE ITEM NO. 21,  
COMMISSIONERS' MEETING AGENDA DATE  
OF 03/01/2023, JOURNAL VOL 156, PAGE 25495  
EMPLOYMENT -- MS. CHRISTINA STEIN  
JOURNAL CLERK 1 -- COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE**

**14. MOTION:** Made by Mr. Cantalamessa, seconded by Mr. Malloy, to remove from Table Item No. 21, Commissioners' Meeting Agenda, under date of March 1, 2023, Journal Volume 156, page 25495, To approve the personnel action for the full-time employment of MS. CHRISTINA STEIN as a JOURNAL CLERK 1 with the TRUMBULL COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE, effective Monday, March 27, 2023, *pursuant to the authorized job posting of August 31 through September 30, 2022.* Ms. Stein will be paid the rate of \$18.39 per hour; this action per the recommendation of the Human Resources Department.

**NOTE:** Ms. Stein's employment is contingent on successfully passing a pre-employment drug screen, and background check.

Yeas: Cantalamessa, Malloy

Nays: Frenchko

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**RE: APPROVE EMPLOYMENT- MS. CHRISTINA STEIN  
FOR POSITION OF JOURNAL CLERK I  
COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE**

**15. MOTION:** Made by Mr. Cantalamessa, seconded by Mr. Malloy, to approve the personnel action for the full-time employment of MS. CHRISTINA STEIN as a JOURNAL CLERK 1 with the TRUMBULL COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE, effective Monday, March 27, 2023, *pursuant to the authorized job posting of August 31 through September 30, 2022.* Ms. Stein will be paid the rate of \$18.39 per hour; this action per the recommendation of the Human Resources Department.

**NOTE:** Ms. Stein has successfully passed a pre-employment drug screen and background check.

***Ms. Frenchko said it was not necessary to hire an additional Journal Clerk. She said staff was given raises to absorb duties and this position was advertised in August of last year.***

Yeas: Cantalamessa, Malloy

Nays: Frenchko

**MS. FRENCHKO MADE A MOTION FROM THE FLOOR TO ELIMINATE INTERIM HR DIRECTOR POSITON EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY TO TERMINATE MR. CHARLES LEIGHTNER WHO WAS RECEIVING \$8,600/MO—HIS EMPLOYMENT IS NO LONGER NEEDED SINCE THE COUNTY HAS FILLED THE POSITION AND SHE DOESN'T KNOW WHY HE'S STILL ON THE PAYROLL**

**MOTION DIED FOR LACK OF SECOND**

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**RE: AWARD (ONLY) BID - LYDEN OIL COMPANY  
FOR SUPPLYING GASOLINE AND DIESEL  
FUEL TO TRUMBULL COUNTY**

**16. MOTION:** Made by Mr. Cantalamessa, seconded by Mr. Malloy, to award the (ONLY) Bid as submitted by LYDEN OIL COMPANY, 3711 LeHarps Road, Youngstown, OH 44515 for SUPPLYING GASOLINE AND DIESEL FUEL TO TRUMBULL COUNTY; AND to enter into a Contract with LYDEN OIL COMPANY for said purchases for a one (1) year period commencing April 1, 2023 and ending March 31, 2024—with a one (1) year option to renew at the County’s discretion.

Yeas: Cantalamessa, Malloy  
Nays: Frenchko

**MS. FRENCHKO VOTED NO BECAUSE THE PROSECUTORS OFFICE DIDN’T APPROVE IT AND THEY HAD THE ABILITY TO WITHIN A FEW MINUTES**

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**RE: AMENDMENT TO COMMISSARY SERVICE  
AGREEMENT WITH KEEFE COMMISSARY  
NETWORK, LLC TO INCLUDE KEEFE’S ACCESS  
SECUREPAK® INMATE PACKAGE PROGRAM  
SERVICE AS LISTED**

**17. MOTION:** Made by Mr. Cantalamessa, seconded by Mr. Malloy, to approve the Amendment to the Commissary Service Agreement with KEEFE COMMISSARY NETWORK, LLC, 10880 Linpage Pl., Saint Louis, MO 63132-1008. Agreement is effective the 10<sup>th</sup> day of April 2023, by and between Keefe Commissary Network, LLC and the Trumbull County Board of Commissioners for the benefit of the Trumbull County Sheriff’s Office. This Agreement includes Keefe’s Access Securepak® Inmate Package Program Service. Keefe shall process and deliver orders placed through its Access Securepak website on the terms and conditions provided therein. Client will be paid a commission for this service equal to 30% of all final Securepak sales made on behalf of inmates resulting from or arising out of the sales. Keefe shall deliver Securepak orders to Client’s facility once per week. Client agrees that Keefe may charge a processing fee for each order which may be amended by Keefe from time to time.

**NOTE:** There is no cost to the County involving the Keefe Commissary Contract; this action is per the recommendation of Paul S. Monroe, Trumbull County Sheriff.

*Ms. Frenchko stated this item was not approved by the Prosecutor’s Office. Mr. Malloy stated Ms. Frenchko was incorrect as the Prosecutor’s Office did see it and he saw a letter from the Sheriff’s Department at the Workshop where 30 people heard the verification. Ms. Frenchko said she wanted to go on the record stating, the meeting (workshop) is illegal. She said there are three types of meeting Boards can have: Regular Meetings, Special Meetings, and Emergency Meetings. She stated the meeting was not being properly noticed—no advertisement, giving the stated purpose, and a Special Meeting requires it, and the Agenda can’t be deviated from the stated purpose. Ms. Frenchko said a workshop is a special meeting, and without defining the things being discussed could cause everything to be revoked. She discussed having a Workshop with ARPA discussions is incorrect, and she’s trying to help the County. She said the Board should contact the Prosecutor’s Office or have the Clerk find out how to do things the correct way. Mr. Malloy stated he’s talked to other counties specifically about this topic, he announces the Workshops at the Regular Meeting. He said the department heads discuss concerns, in the light of day, in a public meeting, with the press present because they are aware of the public workshop. Ms. Frenchko told Mr. Malloy those people telling him it’s okay can represent him in court, and this can be added to the list, as she’s trying to prevent them from doing things the wrong way.*

Yeas: Cantalamessa, Malloy  
Nays: Frenchko

**MS. FRENCHKO VOTED NO BECAUSE SHE DIDN’T SEE IT WAS APPROVED BY THE PROSECUTOR’S OFFICE AS THERE HAVE BEEN OTHER PROBLEMS ASSOCIATED WITH AMENDMENTS AND CHANGE ORDERS NOT BEING DONE CORRECTLY**

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*Mr. Malloy stated because Ms. Frenchko didn't see it, doesn't mean it didn't happen. The Clerk stated for the record, the email Ms. Frenchko has is from Major Mason stating the Prosecutor's Office had no objections to the language with the Amendment. Ms. Frenchko said, this is a Board of Commissioners' Meeting.*

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**RE: ADOPT RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING MONTH OF APRIL 2021 AS 'CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH' IN TRUMBULL COUNTY, OHIO**

**18. MOTION:** Made by Ms. Frenchko, seconded by Mr. Cantalamessa, to adopt a Resolution proclaiming the month of APRIL 2023 as "CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH" in Trumbull County, Ohio, in conjunction with "National Child Abuse Prevention Month". April marks the Anniversary of National Child Abuse Prevention Month and the 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Pinwheels for Prevention Event; this action per the request of the Trumbull County Children Services Board.

**SPECIAL NOTE:** To promote community cooperation, Children Services will host a brief Press Conference on Wednesday, April 4, 2023 at 1:30 p.m., by displaying 1256 pinwheels at Warren City Hall. Each pinwheel represents one report of child abuse or neglect in the year 2022 for Trumbull County.

Yeas: Frenchko, Cantalamessa, Malloy

Nays: None

*Mr. Malloy read the Resolution aloud. Mr. Timothy Shaffner, Children Services Director, said kids stay safe because of the people who call in to report abuse such as: law enforcement, educators, grandpas and grandmas. He said, see something—say something!*

(Resolution record on Journal Page(s) \_\_\_\_\_.)

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**RE: ENTER INTO AGREEMENTS WITH MUNICIPALITIES LISTED FOR SERVICES OF THE PUBLIC DEFENDER'S OFFICE**

**19. MOTION:** Made by Mr. Cantalamessa, seconded by Mr. Malloy, to enter into Agreements with the MUNICIPALITIES listed for services of the PUBLIC DEFENDER'S OFFICE, 250 East Broad Street, Suite 1400, Columbus, OH 43215--per their request passed by their respective City Councils. Amounts listed in said Agreements shall be paid to the County, in accordance with the terms stipulated therein; Agreements approved by the State Public Defender, and subject to the approval of the County Prosecutor's Office.

**SPECIAL NOTE:** The County shall, by and through the Office of the Public Defender, State of Ohio, provide legal representation for all indigent defendants charged under the Cities' Ordinances where there is a possibility of incarceration, where the indigent defendants have not waived their right to said representation.

MUNICIPALITY	TERM	AMOUNT
<b>CITY OF WARREN</b> 361 Mahoning Avenue, N.W. Warren, OH 44483	January 1, 2023 thru December 31, 2023	<b>\$50,000.00</b> —paid in quarterly payments of \$12,500.00 on January 1, April 1, July 1, and October 1, 2023
<b>VILLAGE OF McDONALD</b> 451 Ohio Avenue McDonald, OH 44437	January 1, 2023 thru December 31, 2023	<b>\$500.00</b>
<b>VILLAGE OF LORDSTOWN</b> 1455 Salt Springs Road, S.W. Lordstown, OH 44481	January 1, 2023 thru December 31, 2023	<b>\$2,150.00</b>
<b>CITY OF CORTLAND</b> 400 North High Street Cortland, OH 44410	January 1, 2023 thru December 31, 2023	<b>\$500.00</b>
<b>CITY OF HUBBARD</b> 220 West Liberty Street Hubbard, OH 44425	January 1, 2023 thru December 31, 2023	<b>\$500.00</b>
<b>CITY OF GIRARD</b> 100 N. Market Street Girard, OH 44420	January 1, 2023 thru December 31, 2023	<b>\$3,500.00</b>
<b>CITY OF NILES</b> 724 Youngstown-Warren Road Niles, OH 44446	January 1, 2023 thru December 31, 2023	<b>\$7,375.00</b>

Yeas: Cantalamessa, Malloy

Nays: Frenchko

**MS. FRENCHKO VOTED NO STATING SHE DIDN'T GET AN EMAIL THAT THE PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE GAVE A REVIEW**

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**RE: ACCEPT/APPROVE PETITION  
SKYLINE DEVELOPERS, LLC TO CREATE  
A DRAINAGE DISTRICT TO BE KNOWN AS  
FOREST HILLS ESTATES DRAINAGE DISTRICT  
NO. 3, HOWLAND TOWNSHIP**

**20. MOTION:** Made by Ms. Cantalamessa, seconded by Mr. Malloy, to adopt the drainage district petition as listed:

**A Request to:**

- 1). Accept and approve the Petition of Skyline Developers, LLC, to create a Drainage District to be known as 'FOREST HILLS ESTATES DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 3' located in Howland Township; and
- 2) Authorize the Board of Trumbull County Commissioners' Clerk to record the Petition in the office of the Trumbull County Recorder, and
- 3) Determine the Maintenance Assessment be deferred until determined necessary; this action per the recommendation of the Trumbull County Engineer and subject to the approval of the Prosecutor's Office. **See attached letter containing an Estimate of Maintenance Costs prepared by the Trumbull County Engineer dated February 14, 2023.**

*NOTE:* The check in the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) for initial funding has been received and is being deposited into the County Engineer's Drainage District Fund No. 031-000-1700-1792-1-409050 and known as 'Forest Hills Estates Drainage District No. 3' Account.

**RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS,** a Petition has been presented to the Trumbull County Commissioners in accordance with Ohio Revised Code §6131.63 by Skyline Developers, LLC, for the creation of a drainage district known as Forest Hills Estates Drainage District No. 3; and

**WHEREAS,** all of the property owners have signed said Petition, deposited the sum of \$1,000 as initial funding for maintenance assessments, have submitted plans and specifications necessary to create said drainage district; and

**WHEREAS,** the Trumbull County Prosecutor and the Trumbull County Engineer have approved said Petition together with the exhibits attached thereto; and

**WHEREAS,** the Trumbull County Engineer reviewed the petition and accompanying exhibits for Forest Hills Estates Drainage District No. 3 and finds it acceptable and finds that no maintenance assessment is required at this time; and

**WHEREAS,** the Trumbull County Engineer noted in his Estimate of Maintenance Costs that the lifespan of the material improvements will exceed the 15-year schedule outlined in the letter dated February 14, 2023. Additionally, there are eleven (11) lots included in the Forest Hills Estates Drainage District No. 3 which should equally share all applicable assessments.

**RE: ACCEPT/APPROVE PETITION SKYLINE DEVELOPERS, LLC TO CREATE A DRAINAGE DISTRICT TO BE KNOWN AS FOREST HILLS ESTATES DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 3, HOWLAND TOWNSHIP-Continued**

RE: ACCEPT/APPROVE PETITION SKYLINE DEVELOPERS, LLC TO CREATE A DRAINAGE DISTRICT TO BE KNOWN AS FOREST HILLS ESTATES DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 3, HOWLAND TOWNSHIP-Cont'd

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Petition of Skyline Developers, LLC, to create a drainage district to be known as Forest Hills Estates Drainage District No. 3 is hereby approved and accepted and that the Clerk cause said Petition to be recorded in the office of the Trumbull County Recorder and that the maintenance assessment be deferred until determined necessary to ensure that the eleven (11) lots included in the Forest Hills Estates Drainage District No. 3 equally share all applicable assessments.

MOTION MADE BY MS. FRENCHKO TO ACCESS pursuant to the assessment costs provided by the County Engineer.

\*\*\*Comments related to Item #20 moved to the end for page numbering purposes\*\*\*

MS. FRENCHKO RESCINDED HER MOTION TO ASSESS

MS. FRENCHKO MADE A MOTION TO TABLE THE ITEM UNTIL NEXT WEEK AS THE BOARD STILL HAD QUESTIONS

MOTION TO TABLE DIED FOR A LACK OF A SECOND

MR. CANTALAMESSA MADE A MOTION TO DEFER THE PAYMENTS FOR CONSISTENCY MR. MALLOY SECONDED THE MOTION TO DEFER THE PAYMENTS

Mr. Cantalamessa stated the Board needs to meet regarding drainage district matters, but doesn't want to set the precedence of picking winners and losers

Ms. Frenchko said the Board doesn't have an Administrator of the drainage districts as they get deferred and they end up in a situation where there could be future liability. Mr. Cantalamessa spoke about deferring cost for one developer and being consistent in procedures. Ms. Frenchko asked who was going to administer the assessments because there is not an administrator of the County. Mr. Cantalamessa said the Board is going to do it. Ms. Frenchko told Mr. Cantalamessa to do it as she can't cause anyone to bring her a file.

Yeas: Cantalamessa, Malloy, Frenchko

Nays: None

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RE: AWARD PROPOSAL QUALITY METAL WORKS, INC. INSTALL NEW SAFETY RAILING IN GRAND STANDS AT COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS AND TO AUTHORIZE DENNY MALLOY TO EXECUTE ALL DOCUMENTS

21. MOTION: Made by Mr. Cantalamessa, seconded by Mr. Malloy, to accept and award the proposal submitted by QUALITY METAL WORKS, INC. 12101 Commissioner Dr. North Jackson, OH 44451 to install new safety railing in the grand stands at TRUMBULL COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS in the amount not to exceed \$22,920.00; to be paid from Fund number 943-130-1100-1100-1-505303 (Casino Fund) AND to authorize Denny Malloy, President of the Board of Commissioners to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate this agreement: this action per the request of William Hart; Trumbull County Building Maintenance Operations Manager.

OTHER PROPOSAL SUBMITTED

Table with 2 columns: COMPANY, AMOUNT. Row 1: MURPHY CONTRACTING, \$23,960.00

NOTE: This is recommended and required by the insurance adjuster for the Trumbull County Fair Board.

There was discussion regarding not having request for quotes associated with Item #21, only two companies were certified related to this job, questions regarding county policy regarding veterans owning small businesses because the other quote that is approximately \$1,000 off and veteran-owned small business. There was discussion relating to awarding the proposal to the lowest and a ranking tool.

Yeas: Cantalamessa, Malloy, Frenchko

Nays: None

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The Clerk asked the Board if she could make sure the language within Item #22 read, to accept and award the lowest proposal, so the language is consistent with the other proposals.

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RE: AWARD PROPOSAL-PRO FLOORING  
FOR PHASE 2 OF CARPET REPLACEMENT  
STONE BUILDING 4<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR AUTHORIZE DENNY MALLOY TO  
EXECUTE ALL DOCUMENTS

22. MOTION: Made by Mr. Cantalamessa, seconded by Mr. Malloy, to accept and award the lowest proposal submitted by PRO FLOORING, 205 Atlantic St. N.E. Warren, OH 44483 for Phase 2 of carpet replacement at the TRUMBULL COUNTY STONE BUILDING 4<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR located at 108 High St. Warren, OH 44481 in the amount of \$9,711.11; to be paid from Fund number 001-011-1000-1030-1-505409.

OTHER QUOTES SUBMITTED

COMPANY	AMOUNT
TONDO CARPET, INC 1222 Keefer Rd Girard, OH 44420	\$9,989.00
SATOLLI CARPET AND FLOOR COVERING 361 High St. Warren, OH 44481	\$10,671.50

NOTE: This will complete the renovation of the 4<sup>th</sup> floor for the Adult Probation Offices.

Ms. Frenchko said the Clerk needs to maintain the request for quotes. One quote was not itemized. The Clerk said she was given three quotes submitted to by Mr. Hart, and the agenda item was discussed at the Public Workshop with the majority of the Board. Ms. Frenchko told the Clerk to ask the departments submitting quotes for a copy of the, request for quotes and maintain it in the Commissioners' Office.

Yeas: Cantalamessa, Malloy, Frenchko

Nays: None

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RE: AWARD PROPOSAL  
COMFORT SYSTEMS, USA  
REPLACEMENT OF ROOFTOP RTU UNIT  
(AIR CONDITIONING AND HEAT) –  
COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS OFFICE BUILDING  
AUTHORIZE DENNY MALLOY TO EXECUTE ALL  
DOCUMENTS

23. MOTION: Made by Mr. Cantalamessa, seconded by Mr. Malloy, to accept and award the lowest proposal submitted by COMFORT SYSTEMS, USA, 7401 First Place Oakwood Village, OH 44146 for the replacement of the rooftop RTU unit (air conditioning and heat) at the TRUMBULL COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS OFFICE BUILDING located at 899 Everett Hull Rd. Cortland, OH 44410, in the amount not to exceed \$11,940.00, to be paid from Fund number 921-130-1100-1100-1-505506 AND to authorize Denny Malloy, President of the Board of Commissioners to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate this agreement; this action per the request of William Hart; Trumbull County Building Maintenance Operations Manager.

OTHER PROPOSAL SUBMITTED

COMPANY	AMOUNT
THOMPSON MECHANICAL 2800 Supreme St. Warren, OH 44483	\$13,218.00
WADSWORTH SOLUTIONS 909 Sahara Trail, Unit C Boardman, OH 44514	\$18,353.00

NOTE: Comfort Systems USA is a State Purchasing Company (csp900522-3)

Yeas: Cantalamessa, Malloy, Frenchko

Nays: None

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*Ms. Frenchko said she would still like a request for quotes, but she could see on this item, every item was equal based on the quotes.*

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**MS. FRENCHKO MADE A MOTION FROM THE FLOOR TO PRESERVE 7 MILLION FOR NORTHERN AND SOUTHERN TOWNSHIPS AND SMALL VILLAGES FOR PROJECTS IN THOSE LOCATIONS**

*There was discussion regarding planning an ARPA Public Meeting,*

**MS. FRENCHKO REPEATED HER MOTION FROM THE FLOOR TO PRESERVE 7 MILLION FOR NORTHERN AND SOUTHERN TOWNSHIPS AND SMALL VILLAGES FOR PROJECTS IN THOSE LOCATIONS**

**MR. MALLOY SECOND THE MOTION FOR DISCUSSION**

*Mr. Malloy stated he mentioned supporting the Townships at his first workshop meeting and this was one of his main goals when he got elected. He further stated when he found the previous Board had already spent 23 million before he was Commissioner, and he wanted to make sure rural areas outside of city limits felt the Board cared about their needs. He stated he recommended 7.5 million for these areas and some residents have been waiting for a reply since June/July of last year. He said he requested a breakdown of what was pending and they all received the information last week--although it may be in a different format. Discussion continued regarding Ms. Frenchko coordinating the ARPA Public Meeting, and Ms. Frenchko needing information (excel spreadsheet) to do so, recommendations for Ms. Frenchko to plan the meeting, inviting the applicants and townships and bring their best application/presentation, responsible for the board to review together and discuss applicants in public, passing a Resolution for a dollar amount could lock the Board into something, agreeing with the direction Ms. Frenchko is heading. Discussion continued regarding an excel spreadsheet, majority of the Board, statements being not true, email relating to the request, and Ms. Frenchko's not having a computer, three unused computers being available in the office, new mouse with high sensitivity feature, being an elected official, statements of preventing Ms. Frenchko from making decisions, and violations of Sunshine Law. She said the Board was kneecapping her and playing stupid games to win stupid prizes, statements that are untrue, welcoming proceedings filed against the Board, accusations Ms. Costello was a family member to another employee with the same last name, request fulfilled requested by Ms. Frenchko of names, phone numbers and applicants pending, staff staying over three hours to complete task, statements the task should have only taken 30 minutes, Board has the same information, statement that having two hr directors is a waste of money, Ms. Frenchko's computer being fixed by the IT Department, obstructionism, moving county forward, 30 people attending public workshop, Ms. Frenchko being welcome to attend Public Workshop, statements Public Workshop is an illegal meeting, holding department heads up in Workshop for 3 hours, county workers only working 6.5 hours, \$70,000 worth of equipment and the Board is having workshops illegally in a fashion one is not allowed to call in and refuse to use zoom, allowing public to call in during workshops, statement by Ms. Frenchko, she is not participating in an illegal meeting, transparency, and closed-door meetings. Ms. Frenchko said she would explain the difference and said when you have a meeting with department heads so they can tell you how to vote. Mr. Cantalamessa called, Point of Order. Mr. Malloy stated Ms. Frenchko's statement was a baseless allegation. Ms. Frenchko spoke about being a manager to department heads and asking tough questions relating to what she's voting on. She stated she has not attended a workshop in over a year, is the most prepared, by researching knowing what she is voting on. There was discussion regarding thanking and working with employees, asking tough questions, illegal contracts, change orders, being a manager to department heads, other counties not violating sunshine law because they have a county administrator, Ms. Frenchko spoke about filing a lawsuit, basis lawsuit, setting the county back, doing things the right way, not voting by email, manipulating facts to support one's own narrative, statements regarding audio minutes being adequate meeting minutes, notices of meetings being a requirement, special meeting having a specified purpose, 911 director position applications not being received by Ms. Frenchko until a week ago, panel for 911 position established by one commissioner, 911 panel being established during a public meeting, Mr. Leightner setting up the 911 panel, Mr. Malloy volunteering to represent the Board, Army Corp of Engineer's Meeting where Ms. Frenchko called in when Mr. Malloy was present, statements Ms. Frenchko violated Sunshine Law by calling into a meeting with discussion while another Commissioner was in attendance, statement of conflict having interim 911 director screen new boss as she is on the panel, discussing hiring in Ex. Session as a Board, job description being redesigned without re-advertising, new hr director clarified the job description is the same description—the job posting was advertised to make sure everything in the job description was in the job posting that wasn't there before, and Mr. Jang clarifying the requirements did say Bachelor's Degree as he initially had the wrong posting. Discussion continued regarding re-advertising and reposting, organizations the advertisement went to the second time, hr director stating she did her work and it was posted on the mentioned sites, not putting advertisement on the agenda lacks transparency, no cost associated with posting, hr director asked and went over everything in a public meeting with majority of the Board, putting advertising on the agenda will let the public know and show new dates, Hr director asked why every job posting isn't on the agenda and asked the Board for clarification, administrative decisions, and there being no cost associated with re-advertising/reposting. Mr. Malloy said he is fine with the way they proceeded.*

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*Ms. Frenchko questioned if there was a costs associated with advertising with the Tribune and asked to see the news clipping of the advertisement. Mr. Cantalamessa said the Board could get a Prosecutor's opinion regarding the discussion relating to: If the re-advertisement should be on the agenda. Discussion continued regarding administrative decisions as things occur on a day-to-day basis, admin decisions related to sunshine, not speaking about pending legal matters, former request for a Prosecutor's opinion regarding admin decisions and sunshine law, calling emergency meetings, and administrative decisions outside of a public meeting. Alex DeVengencie-Bush asked for clarification stating, there was a lot of discussion with inconsistencies*

*She asked if they were supposed to call an emergency meeting regarding every question they needed answered. She further stated, the depts. want to do their jobs to the best off their ability, and she is there to speak on their behalf. She said she is looking for clarification how the Board would like their department heads to proceed.*

*There was discussion relating to department heads asking the majority of the Board if they were required to do certain tasks, asking questions without needing a public meeting, conversation regarding Ms. Frenchko's computer, violation of sunshine law, what point is the Board not doing the business of the people, and moving the County forward. Ms. Frenchko asked the new hr director to seek past Prosecutor's opinions relative to administrative decisions—stating, they don't exist.*

The Clerk re-read Ms. Frenchko's Motion from the Floor and called the role.

**MS. FRENCHKO REPEATED HER MOTION FROM THE FLOOR TO PRESERVE 7 MILLION FOR NORTHERN AND SOUTHERN TOWNSHIPS AND SMALL VILLAGES FOR PROJECTS IN THOSE LOCATIONS**

Yeas: Frenchko

Nays: Malloy, Cantalamessa

*Mr. Cantalamessa said he was voting no because they need to have their ARPA Public Meeting and he doesn't believe there is an ask by the Townships for 7 million.*

*Mr. Malloy said he believes it's around 3.5 million with more coming.*

*Summarized Public Comments:*

**\*\*\*Comments related to Item #20 moved to the end for page numbering purposes\*\*\***

*Mr. Cantalamessa asked if Ms. Frenchko's motion was to defer the assessment. Ms. Frenchko stated she made the motion to assess. Mr. Cantalamessa said he would second it, but the last drainage district Ms. Frenchko wanted to defer the payments and stated they should be consistent as to what they did last time compared to what they are doing now. He stated the cost were deferred for one developer and now they are assessing this developer. Ms. Frenchko said the person that was doing these, shouldn't be and they learned from past experience what problems could surface. Mr. Cantalamessa asked if they were going to pick winners and losers stating, this developer has to pay, and this one doesn't. Ms. Frenchko spoke of having no consistent drainage district policy. Mr. Cantalamessa spoke about Subdivision Rules and Regulations changing. Mr. Malloy spoke about language within the Resolution stating, the County Engineer reviewed it and no Maintenance Assessment is required at this time and questioned why they would vote to assess it if no Maintenance is required at this time. Mr. Cantalamessa said the Prosecutor's Office said it was an administrative decision.*

**\*\*\*End of Comments relating to Item #20**



*Discussion Continued*

*Mr. Dan Suttles, Brookfield Twp. Trustee, thanked the Commissioners for passing the Resolution to rename a bridge located in Brookfield to, 'The Vietnam Veterans Memorial Bridge'. He said the bridge is being named after three veterans who were killed in combat. Trustee Suttles spoke about the Commissioners' Public Workshop stating it mirrors their meetings in Brookfield. He commented the meeting is run very well. He spoke about public perception, the Board working together, and how it's reflected in the media and the whole state. He further stated he believes the Board is making a valiant effort to work together to make things non-confrontational and he appreciates it. Ms. Frenchko thanked Mr. Suttles for doing things right by calling it a Special Meeting with a stated purpose.*

*Mr. Jeffrey Jang, representing the Cortland Community Foundation, spoke about attending the Public Workshop to speak about his ARPA request for his 'Safety City Project'. Mr. Jang gave a small presentation to the Board regarding the project. There was discussion regarding moving Mr. Jang's project to ARPA Counsel, questions whether the Public Workshop was the proper meeting for ARPA presentations and requests, invitation at the Township Association Meeting to attend the meeting to give ARPA presentations, taking action in an improper meeting, suggestions of ARPA presentations being done at the Commissioners' Regular Meeting, some applications being moved to legal counsel for an opinion while some applications have been sitting for two years, Ms. Frenchko asking the Board to prepare an excel spreadsheet, excel spreadsheet being outside the scope of many job duties. Discussion regarding scheduling the Public ARPA Meeting providing Ms. Frenchko receiving excel spreadsheet. Mr. Jang stated Mr. Misocky wasn't present at the public workshop, so he was making a formal request that his application go to him to be forwarded to ARPA Counsel. Mr. Malloy moved for Mr. Jang's project be forwarded to counsel and Mr. Cantalamessa seconded the project be forwarded. Mr. Malloy asked if the move and second required a vote. Ms. Frenchko spoke about wanting discussion for ARPA at the Regular Meeting before he got there. Mr. Cantalamessa stated the Board has been forwarding the projects along.*

*Mr. Edward Anthony, Chairman of the Ex. Board of Trumbull County EMA, spoke about the support given for the EMA Command Mobile Vehicle. He stated he submitted over 30 letters of support for the project in a request for ARPA Funds. He spoke about the events in East Palestine and told the Board every day that goes by is another day the vehicle isn't ordered. He spoke about the importance of ARPA monies being assigned for the purchase of this vehicle. Mayor (City of Hubbard) Ben Kyle, spoke in support of the Command Mobile Vehicle and the widespread importance of the vehicle for the community. Mayor Kyle spoke of an incident that occurred within the Hubbard School System where the entire campus was locked down and students and faculty were not allowed to move and were locked in place. Mayor Kyle said their police chief would have reached out to EMA if they had the command mobile unit—which is a mobile 911 dispatch. Mr. Malloy said the paperwork associated with the application is impeccable and they had a letter of support from almost every community. He further stated as a steward of the tax payer's dollars, he doesn't see a way they cannot support the request. Mr. Malloy made a motion to send the application to legal and push the project through. There was a consensus from all three board members to push the application for the Command Mobile Unit through to ARPA Counsel. Ms. Frenchko excused herself for a moment (Point of Personal Privilege).*

*PC Torres asked for an update from the Board regarding his former request relating to stopping the drug problem and helping individuals with addiction problems. He said he had a lot of positive response since giving his presentation. He spoke about his dream/goal—a large range recovery facility in the County for recovery and addiction. He spoke about meeting people who have lost a loved one who are on board for the facility and he won't be able to attend the meetings as he is going back to work. He asked for help from any member of the Board to steer him toward his goal. He closed stating he hopes something can happen in his lifetime and thanked the Board. Ms. Frenchko responded to Mr. Torres and said she received an email from Amy Giovannone and cc'd the Director of the Mental Health & Recovery Board, April Caraway. She said Ms. Caraway works closely to make sure Trumbull County has services that are needed and available to the residents in Trumbull County.*

*Mr. Terry Shavers, Braceville Community Foundation, spoke about his request for ARPA Funding that would aid in the preservation of an African American Museum in Braceville Township. He said he gave a presentation at the Public Workshop. He spoke about the history Braceville Township stating there are a lot of notables/history from Braceville. He said his goal is to commemorate and preserve the rich African-American history with a museum by restoring one of the older homes. He said he filled out his application online and would like to meet with Mr. Misocky. Mr. Malloy said he would speak to Mr. Misocky and ask him to look over the application and it would be brought back to the Board. He further stated their request is a little behind other application in the process.*

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*Mike Davis, Farmington Township Trustees, spoke about his applications being completed given to Mr. Misocky and spoke about multiple road projects the Township needs to do. He said a third of their Township is owned by the Division of Wildlife which they receive no taxes and it really hurts the Township. He said they are on a time schedule for what they need to do.*

*Doug Wilcox, Howland Township, said he thought the new hr director was very well spoken and tried to give detail. He asked if the Board had a plan with the outgoing and incoming hr directors, or a termination date for the outgoing to eliminate the expense. Mr. Malloy said he planned to have the interim director work with the new director for a week or two to hand over what he was working on, but he broke his foot and he's out on medical. Mr. Malloy said he would like to get him back for at least a day to show the new director what he has pending. Mr. Malloy discussed the interim director ending the contract or turning in his resignation. Mr. Wilcox agreed that the new director needs to see what Mr. Leightner was working on so she can move forward, but didn't want it to be carried out for three, six months or a year and carry those costs. Ms. Frenchko said Ms. DeVengencie-Bush didn't meet the minimum requirements, but she is more competent and the Board should terminate the position of interim director as it's not fair to the tax payers. Discussion continued regarding continuity, the Board being the leaders of the County, comments that today's meeting was much more positive than the March 1<sup>st</sup> meeting, scheduling an ARPA Public Meeting, questions how long public workshops have been going on. Mr. Cantalamessa said the workshops have been going on before his time-2014. The Clerk stated, 2004. There was discussion regarding the excel spreadsheet Ms. Frenchko requested from staff. Mr. Wilcox stated the Board could work together to get that resolved. Discussion continued regarding meeting behind closed doors, emails regarding excel sheet and instructing staff no to do task, workshops were focused on agenda items when Ms. Frenchko came on board, Board stopped having workshops for a period in the past, different types of meetings, question when public can have input at meetings, special meeting vs. workshops, prosecutor never saying workshops weren't allowable since 2004, difference in opinion, sunshine law regarding meetings, and the need to be able to discuss county business. Mr. Wilcox closed by saying he is proud to be a resident of Trumbull County, Howland Township.*

*Mr. Malloy spoke about an event that happened over the weekend stating the public couldn't find a hotel room anywhere. He said he spoke to the Tourism Bureau and she said it's not so much as a shortage of hotels, but rather a mass flock of people who want to visit Trumbull County. He went on to say it shows him that they are doing something right that shows him people want to be there. Discussion continued regarding a joint meeting with the Chamber of Commerce and the Port Authority where they discussed pertinent issues throughout the Mahoning Valley such as a massive demand for housing, and jobs. He said it's mandatory the Board work together to welcome people to the area. Discussion regarding the shortage of daycares, businesses that are growing, and people not wanting a dysfunctional government. Ms. Frenchko spoke about the lack of public transportation such as sight selectors, and said it's an obstacle for economic development. She said the population is declining because the younger generation don't want to purchase vehicles. She said she went on a site selection visit and the first thing people asked was, is there a bus stop nearby. She said she believes they need to take this to the people of Trumbull County and let them decide. Mr. Cantalamessa said Trumbull County is in a critical position and they've learned a lot since Covid. He said industry has learned about supply chain deficiencies and they are seeing an influx of manufacturing industries that want to come back so they need to have a ready and willing workforce, housing, and need to know the needs of the companies that are willing to relocate here.*

*Ms. Frenchko spoke about the importance of transportation and economic development. Discussion continued regarding the needs of businesses wanting to come back to the County, need for hospitals, dog pound, 911 center, hr director, and making positive strides. There was discussion about Mercy Health, a proposed joint economic district, road maintenance being maintained by County Engineer, and inflationary costs with construction.*

*Ms. Amy Giovannone spoke about the Public Workshop Meetings and encouraged people to attend.*

*Ms. Frenchko spoke about what she looks for when reviewing agenda item, and items that have been rescinded or amended under her watch. She said she listens to the Workshops when they are uploaded. She spoke about having the ability to call in the Workshops and allowing the public to call in. Mr. Cantalamessa asked Ms. Frenchko why her meeting wasn't public. Mr. Wilcox spoke about comments regarding violations of the sunshine law that were mentioned and seeking a Prosecutor's opinion. Discussion continued regarding the hearing room being divided, advice of counsel, policy and procedure manual, and motions that died for a lack of a second.*

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*Conference Bridge Calls from the Public*

*Mrs. Darlene Fuda spoke about the two-minute time limit set for the public to speak relating to others that have spoken much longer. Mr. Malloy said there is a two-minute rule and it's at the discretion of the President.*

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**RE: ADJOURN**

**MOTION:** Made by Mr. Cantalamessa, seconded by Mr. Frenchko, to adjourn the Regular Meeting of March 22, 2023 @ approximately 1:04 p.m., and to meet again in Regular Session on March 29, 2023.

Yeas: Cantalamessa, Frenchko, Malloy

Nays: None

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

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**DENNIS MALLOY, PRESIDENT**

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**MAURO CANTALAMESSA, COMMISSIONER**

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**NIKI FRENCHKO, COMMISSIONER**

**ATTEST:**

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**PAULA J. VIVODA-KLOTZ, CLERK**