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July 15, 2021

John Oros, Executive Director
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9160 Robinson Road
Chardon, OH 44024

Re: GPD Fiscal Officer (Treasurer) & ADP Services under ORC 307.846

Dear Mr. Oros & Geauga Park District Board:

The Geauga County ADP Center's HelpDesk received the attached communication from a Geauga Park District (GPD) staff member on July 13, 2021 (attached as Exhibit 1). As you are aware, GPD severed its utilization of Geauga County IT services effective June 28, 2021, by unanimous action of the GPD Board. It is inappropriate for GPD staff to try to circumvent that action by attempting to continue to utilize Geauga County HelpDesk IT services.

That being said, from your email, it appears that GPD misunderstands how its own network is configured. The assertion that "GPD VLS network between sites were disabled" demonstrates GPD's confusion about its own network, services, and ownership. The at-issue Windstream VLS circuits are Geauga County accounts, paid with Geauga County funds by the Geauga County ADP Center.

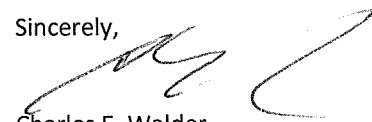
To help GPD understand their network basics, please be advised that the Geauga County and GPD sites were on a Windstream Virtual LAN Service (VLS) circuit. The Wide Area Network (WAN) routing was done by unique Virtual Local Area Network (VLAN) tagging. All GPD switches were pointed to the Geauga County Data Processing Center's Aruba Layer 3 Switch via their Gateway setting. Our Aruba Switch then routed or passed the data to the correct site via the IP and VLAN tag.

In non-technical terms, various GPD sites had previously communicated, under Geauga County's IT, as "spokes" through a common "hub." This "hub" is owned, operated, and maintained by Geauga County. These connections are critical services and resources. Upon GPD's separation from Geauga County on June 28, 2021, that GPD communication methodology and layer through Geauga County's equipment ceased.

Consequentially, you are no doubt aware that it is GPD's sole responsibility to obtain and set up (1) a GPD device to replace Geauga County's Aruba Switch's function, with the correct IP's and VLAN tags; and (2) internet service, which had been provided by Geauga County via our internet connection.

It is extremely concerning that GPD appears unfamiliar with the above, particularly at this late date—*weeks*—after GPD's voluntary and intentional separation from Geauga County's services on June 28, 2021.

Sincerely,



Charles E. Walder
Gauga County Auditor
Secretary & Administrator ADP

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Subject: FW: GPD VLS network between sites were disabled

From: HelpDesk
Sent: Tuesday, July 13, 2021 9:49 AM
To: Keener, Allen <akeener@geauga.oh.gov>
Subject: FW: GPD VLS network between sites were disabled

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From: Don Lombardy <d.lombardy.gpd@gmail.com>
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To: HelpDesk <HelpDesk@CO.GEAUGA.OH.US>
Subject: GPD VLS network between sites were disabled

Good Morning,

It seems when you disconnected GPD network from Geauga County, you also disabled our Windstream VLS connections between our sites. We should still have connectivity between our own network. I am currently at the Meyer center and I cannot connect to TWW, NOPS, SOPS, Observatory and Nassau. We want you to resolve this connectivity issue since you only should have disconnected our network from yours. Please get back to me on this matter

thanks,

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