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Re: Request for Formal Opinion Regarding R.C. § 121.221

Honorable Attorney General Yost:

Pursuant to R.C. § 109.12, and as the statutory legal advisor to the Geauga-Trumbull Solid Waste District ("District") (*See* R.C. § 343.011(D)), I am requesting a formal opinion on the following:

Questions:

1. Can the District's Board of Directors conduct its meetings virtually in accordance with R.C. § 121.221?
2. Can the District's solid waste management policy committee conduct its meetings virtually in accordance with R.C. § 121.221?

Relevant Facts and Statutes:

Pursuant to R.C. § 343.01(A)(2), the District was established jointly by Geauga and Trumbull counties to implement the statutory and regulatory laws set forth in Revised Code Chapters 343.01, *et seq.* and 3734 *et seq.* The Board of Directors for the District consists of the six (6) elected commissioners of both Geauga and Trumbull counties who meet quarterly to exclusively discuss matters of the District. Additionally, pursuant to R.C. § 3734.54(B), the District's Board of Directors established a solid waste management policy committee, consisting of seven (7) members (designated and appointed by statute) from each county and an at-large member who meet periodically to exclusively discuss matters of the District.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter. Should you have any questions regarding the above, feel free to contact Jennifer Jones, Director, Geauga-Trumbull Solid Waste District (330) 675-7967(o), or (330) 978-4079(c).

Sincerely,



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