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The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
180 East Broad Street
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**Amendment to the
Beaver-Wellington 138 kV Transmission Line Project
Case No. 22-0494-EL-BTA**

Dear Ms. Troupe:

In accordance with Ohio Administrative Code (“OAC”) Rule 4906-3-10(B), please find enclosed the proof of publication and affidavits that American Transmission Systems Incorporated published the public notice of the Amendment to the Beaver-Wellington 138 kV Transmission Line Project. The public notices ran in The Elyria Chronicle-Telegram and The Lorain Morning Journal on October 25, 2022.

Should the Ohio Power Siting Board desire further information or discussion of this submittal, please contact me at (330) 761-4473.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nataliya Bryksenkova".

Nataliya Bryksenkova, Engineer
Transmission Siting
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Attachments

U.S. JUSTICE DEPARTMENT

Chinese officers charged in plot to obstruct Huawei probe

Eric Tucker and Nomaan Merchant
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Two suspected Chinese intelligence officers have been charged with attempting to obstruct a U.S. criminal investigation of Chinese tech giant Huawei by offering bribes to someone they thought could provide inside information, the Justice Department announced Monday.

The defendants are accused of paying tens of thousands of dollars in digital currency, along with cash and jewelry, to a U.S. official they thought they had recruited as an asset. But the person was actually a double agent working for the FBI, the department said.

That prosecution, as well as two other cases involving Chinese operatives, was highlighted Monday at a news conference that featured the heads of both the FBI and the Justice Department, a rare joint presence reflecting a concerted American show of force against Chinese intelligence efforts. Washington has long accused Beijing of meddling in U.S. political affairs and stealing secrets and intellectual property.

Besides the two men on Monday, 11

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other Chinese men have been charged with offenses in the last week, including harassment of individuals in the U.S., that FBI Director Christopher Wray said show that China's "economic assaults and their rights violations are part of the same problem."

"They try to silence anyone who fights back against their theft — companies, politicians, individuals — just as they try to silence anyone who fights back against their other aggressions," he said.

In the Huawei case, Guochun He and Zheng Wang, are accused of trying to direct a U.S. official to supply confidential information about the Justice Department's investigation, including about witnesses, trial evidence and potential new charges.

The latest announcements came just days after Xi Jinping awarded himself a third term as leader of China's Communist Party, though Wray dismissed the idea of a possible connection in the timing, noting "we bring

cases when they're ready."

"If the Chinese government, the Chinese Communist Party, continues to violate our laws, they're going to keep encountering the FBI," he said.

The Justice Department separately announced charges against four other Chinese nationals, accusing them of using the cover of an academic institute to try to procure sensitive technology and equipment as well as interfering with protests that "would have been embarrassing to the Chinese government."

And it highlighted a case from last week in which two additional people were arrested and five others charged with harassing someone living in the U.S. to return to China as part of what Beijing calls "Operation Fox Hunt."

"Today's cases make clear that Chinese agents will not hesitate to break the law and to violate international norms in the process," Deputy Attorney General Lisa Monaco said.

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Wang and He, according to prosecutors, were eager for non-public information about the prosecution and the status of the investigation. They reached out to a contact they had known since 2017, but the person — who was not identified by name — began working as a double agent and engaged in a back-and-forth with the defendants that was overseen by the FBI.

At one point last year, prosecutors say, the person passed to the defendants a single-page document that appeared to be classified and that contained information about a purported Justice Department plan to charge and arrest Huawei executives who were living in China. The person said the document had been secretly photographed during a meeting with federal

prosecutors.

The document was prepared specifically for the purposes of the prosecution that was unsealed Monday, and the information in it was neither accurate nor an accurate reflection of any Justice Department plans, officials said.

The company is not named in the charging documents and prosecutors declined at Monday's news conference to name it, though the references make clear that it's Huawei.

Spokespeople for Huawei and the Chinese Embassy in Washington did not immediately return messages seeking comment. Huawei has previously called the federal investigation "political persecution, plain and simple."

In the case linked to "Operation Fox Hunt," prosecutors say Chinese agents tried to intimidate an unnamed person and his family to return to China. Part of the plot, the U.S. alleges, involved having the person's nephew travel to the U.S. as part of a tour group to deliver threats that included, "Coming back and turning yourself in is the only way out."

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He also told Whitfield it was "getting old hearing you talk" about City Council and its working relationship with him — or lack thereof.

The city received \$18,780,812 million in ARPA funds from the federal government. Less than half, or about \$8,833,433, remains to be spent.

Some already has gone to shore up the city's tax losses after Bendix Commercial Vehicle Systems moved out of its Cleveland Street headquarters and built a new facility in Avon.

Still more went to bolster the Elyria fire (\$2 million), police (\$2 million), sanitation (\$1 million), Parks and Recreation (\$250,000), and street (\$225,000) departments, or was given out as grants to Elyria nonprofits chosen by a committee working out of city hall's Office of Community Development (\$725,768 since 2021).

Tollett recommended Monday doubling the amount of money given to the police and fire departments to \$4 million, up the spending for the Sanitation Department to \$1.5 million to allow it to buy three more trucks and "hold rates for the next few years."

He also recommended spending \$1 million on a senior center for West Park, separate

from plans to rehabilitate the former Oakwood School.

He said citizens had made it clear to city leaders that's where they wanted the money to go. Tollett also suggested it might be time for Council to pass legislation giving it more control over how smaller amounts of ARPA funds are spent.

By Tollett's accounting, that would leave the city with just under \$3 million left to promise to projects through the end of 2024.

Whitfield said the leftover funds were "an opportunity for us to do something special and something different," not "play politics" like he accused Tollett of doing.

Whitfield wondered aloud if some of the money might be used for violence prevention, or to aid "caregiver burnout," especially in the wake of the murder of three Elyrians and the death of their suspected killer by suicide on Oct. 15.

It's about asking "what do we want to do as a city?" he said.

Law Director Amanda Deery reminded the mayor there had been some "discussions and concerns" earlier this year about how his office had control over what nonprofits received small grants as the Office of Community Development reports to him.

There is also "nothing in the city charter that says Council

can't appropriate money," she said — but it also doesn't make sense for "every \$5" in spending to come before council for a vote, Deery said.

"I have no desire to argue and bicker with you all," Whitfield told Council, asking them to help "move the city forward."

"People are watching how we behave and how we function as a city," he said. "My desire is to work in partnership."

Cooler heads prevailed by the

end of the meeting, with Tollett and Whitfield agreeing to put politics aside.

There were some recommendations for ARPA funds spending that met with both council and the mayor's support.

Council's Finance Committee voted to recommend to full Council that \$150,000 go to helping Neighborhood Alliance put the finishing touches on its hot meals program kitchen at the former YMCA on Washing-

ton Avenue.

Other capital projects like roofs or structural repairs for city nonprofits using ARPA funds could be considered once policies and procedures are in place to do so in the new year, Community Development Director Ashley Scott said.

Councilwoman Diane Simmons, D-Ward 5, suggested a portion of ARPA funds go to improving transportation options for city seniors.

The ARPA funds must be encumbered — promised or budgeted — for projects by the end of 2024 and spent by the end of 2026, Elyria Finance Director Ted Pileski and Assistant Finance Director John Farrell said.

"It's essential to see where the money is spent and be mindful of how we can use it in the future," Stewart said.

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Justice Thomas issues temporary order shielding Sen. Graham from testifying

WASHINGTON — Justice Clarence Thomas issued an order Monday that temporarily shields Sen. Lindsey Graham from testifying about his phone calls to Georgia election officials after President Donald Trump's narrow loss there in November 2020.

Thomas oversees appeals coming from the 11th Circuit Court based in Atlanta. Late last week, he had asked the Fulton County prosecutor to file a response by this Thursday so the full Supreme Court could weigh in on the issue.

Monday's order suggests Thomas is seriously considering Graham's plea. His wife, Ginni, is a conservative activist who has openly questioned the results of the 2020 presidential election.

Graham, R-S.C., is fighting off a subpoena seeking his testimony before a grand jury that is investigating whether Trump or his allies may have committed crimes by pressuring election officials to "find" enough votes that would change the outcome.

Graham insists he was acting as a Senate investigator when he placed his calls, and as such, is shielded by the Constitution. It says members of Congress may not be arrested "for any Speech or Debate in either House" and "not be questioned in any other place" for what they say or do there.

But a three-judge panel of the 11th Circuit that included two Trump appointees refused to shield Graham from testifying.

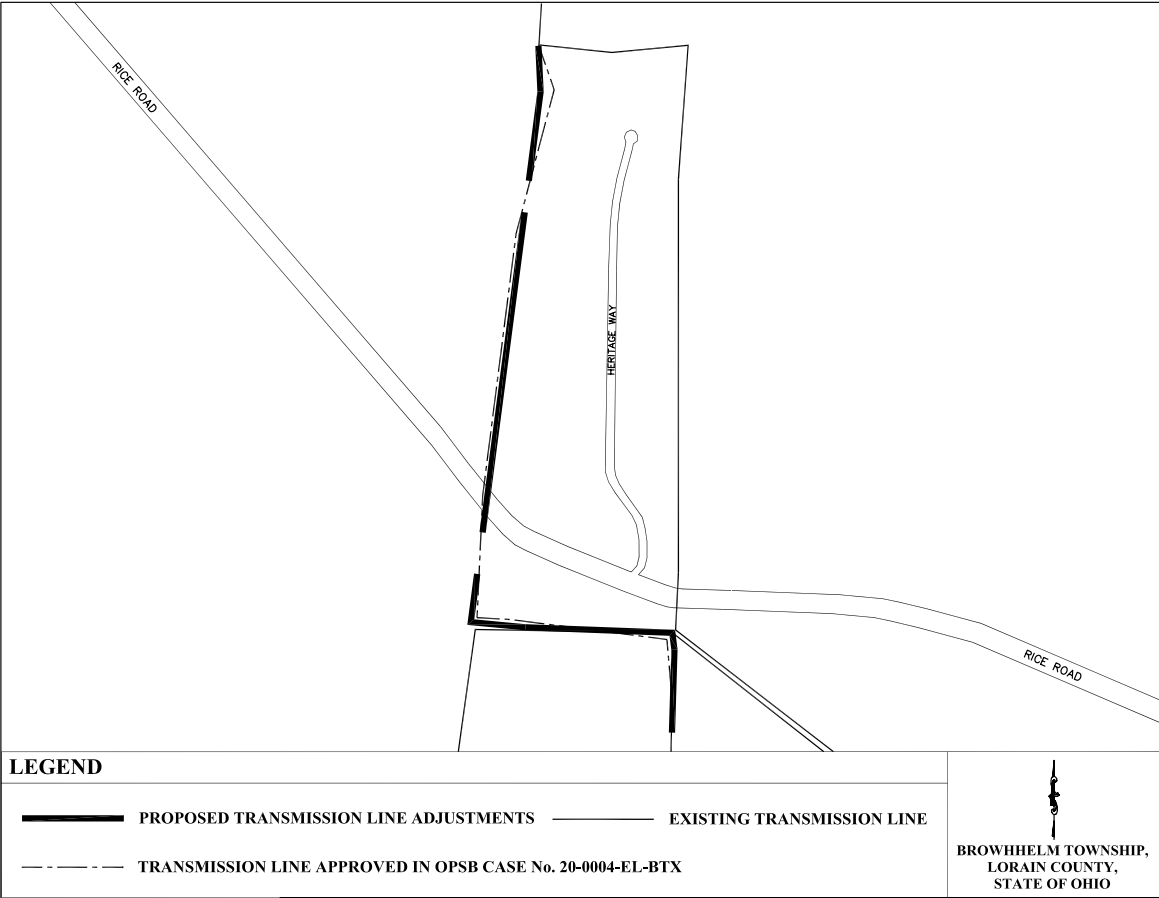
"Not 'everything a Member of Congress may regularly do' is a 'legislative act within the protection of the Speech or Debate Clause,'" the appeals court said Thursday. "The clause has not been extended beyond the legislative sphere."

But former White House counsel Donald McGahn, representing Graham, sent an appeal to Thomas and the Supreme Court urging the justices to intervene.

— from wire reports

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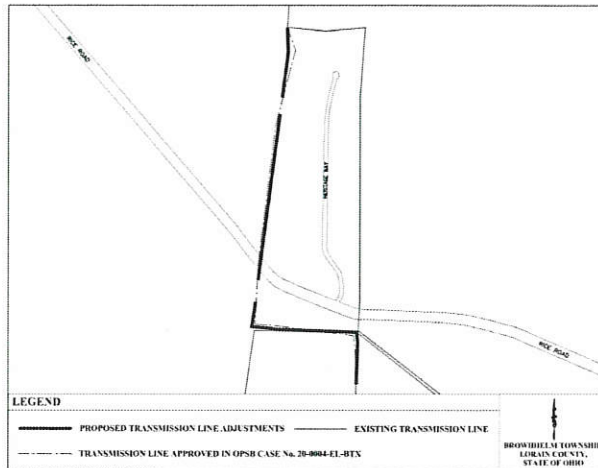
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The advertisement for First Energy was published in The Elyria Chronicle-Telegram once, on October 25th, 2022 A.D.

By: Caroline Diem

Subscribed and sworn to before me this

25th day of October, 2022.

Notary Public
AMY KLUNZINGER, Notary Public
In and for the State of Ohio
My Commission Expires June 26, 2023

LORAIN COUNTY

Agency constructs new warehouse

Lorain County Community Action Agency to use space for vehicles

By Sharon Bengel
Lorain County Community Action Agency

Lorain County Community Action Agency has constructed a new 5,000-square-foot main warehouse behind its administrative offices.

The building — built and owned by United Property Management — will primarily be used by Head Start maintenance and safety staff.

The 10th Street warehouse will hold Community Action Agency’s snowplowing vehicles and other groundskeeping equipment as well as larger maintenance items used at various sites throughout the county.

Vans and other vehicles used for Head Start, Early Head Start and Youth Services also may be stored inside.

“This warehouse was designed and built to serve the Head Start program more securely and efficiently, said Jackie Boehnlein, president and CEO Lorain County Community Action Agency. “Exposure to the weather

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— Jackie Boehnlein, CEO of LCCAA

has been an issue.

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The warehouse is heated to allow for onsite vehicle maintenance throughout the year.

Other features include mezzanine storage, 12-foot and 16-foot overhead doors, clerestory windows, stone skirting on the front of the building and office space.

The open land in front of the warehouse will be used for community gardening.

“Who knew a warehouse and bright new concrete could be so pretty?” Boehnlein added. “We are happy to be getting in just in time for winter weather and looking forward to some gardening in 2023.”



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Lorain County Community Action Agency has a new warehouse on 10th Street in Lorain.

NORTH RIDGEVILLE

Heart and Sole group says sites open for walking

By Editorial Staff
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North Ridgeville Heart and Sole health collaborative is inviting the public to keep active this fall and winter by walking indoors at Liberty Elementary School and LCCC University Partnership Ridge Campus, according to a news release.

Enter the building’s main doors and sign in at the indoor walking table.

▪ From 5-6:30 p.m., Mondays through March 27, at LCCC University Partnership Ridge Campus, 32121 Lorain Road in North Ridgeville.

▪ From 5-6:30 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays through March 30, at Liberty Elementary School, 5700 Jaycox Road in North Ridgeville; no indoor walking at Liberty Elementary on Nov. 10.

There is no cost to participate; all ages and abilities are welcome to attend, according to the release.

If the school or building is closed due to weather, indoor walking also is canceled, the release said.

Staying active can strengthen your immune system and reduce stress and tension, according to the release.

Heart and Sole is a community-based group powered by the United Way of Greater Lorain County and facilitated by Lorain County Public Health.

The collaborative includes partners from local businesses, agencies and organizations working toward one goal of making the healthy choice the easy choice in the area.

Contact Heart and Sole at nrheartandsole@gmail.com for more information.

LORAIN COUNTY SHERIFF

Extra enforcement planned for Halloween

By Editorial Staff
News@MorningJournal.com

Lorain County Sheriff’s Office deputies will conduct high visibility traffic enforcement for Halloween from now until Oct. 31, targeting impaired driving, according to a news release.

The funding for this is made possible from the Impaired Driving Enforcement Program grant, the release said.

This grant is federally funded in conjunction with the Ohio Traffic Safety Office, according to the release.

The main goal of these high visibility enforcement blitzes is to reduce the number of alcohol- and speed-related accidents, along with seat belt usage in Lorain County, the release said.

“Halloween is meant to be scary, but not when it comes to driving,” according to the release.

“When it comes to drunk driving, Halloween can turn the roads into a true horror story.

“Halloween is a particularly is a deadly night due to drunk drivers, and not all victims are drunk drivers.”

Road brief

Lorain streets to close for work

Lorain has announced that three streets will be closed this week for repairs.

East Erie Avenue will be closed to eastbound traffic between Kansas and Louisiana avenues from 7:30 a.m., Oct. 25, to 5 p.m., Oct. 26, according to a news release.

West Sixth Street, between Oberlin and Brownell

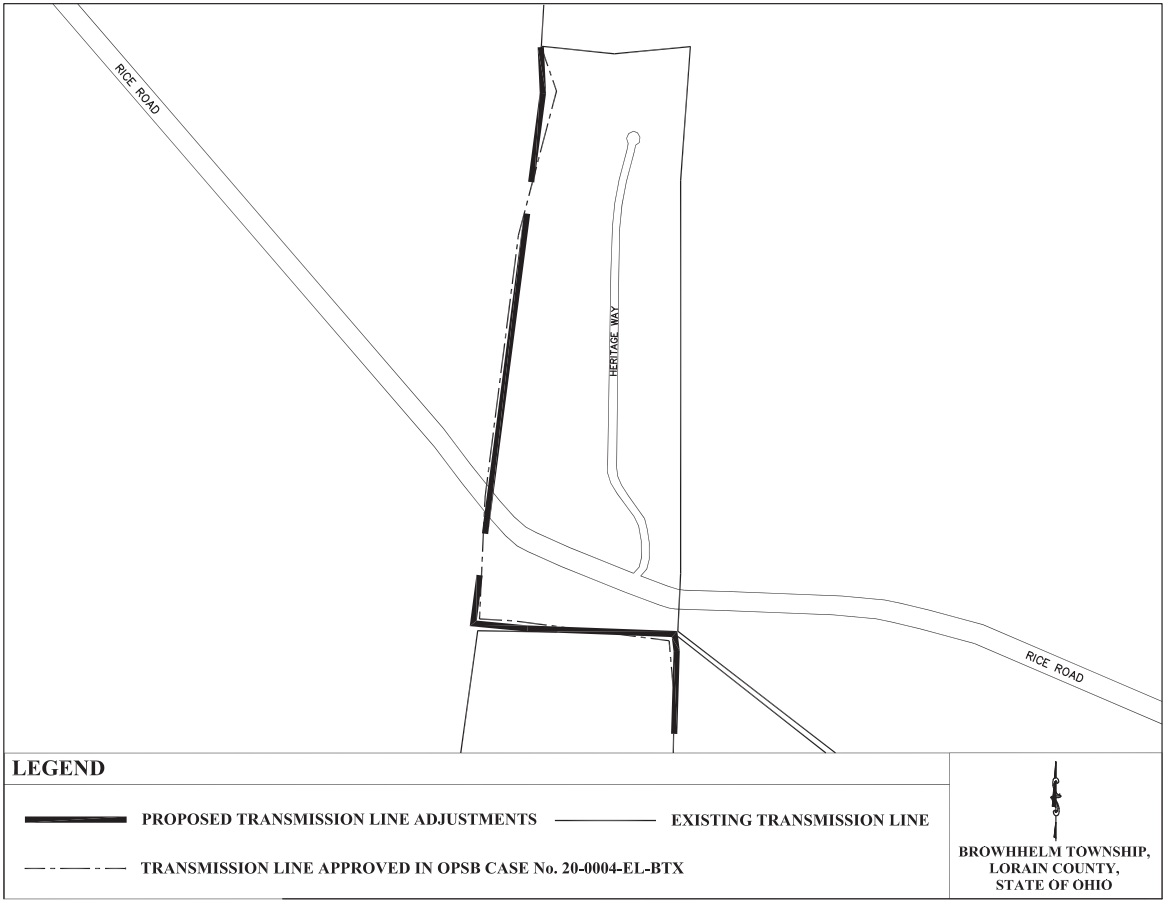
avenues, will be closed to through traffic from 7:30 a.m., Oct. 26, to 5 p.m., Oct. 27, the release said.

Washington Avenue will be closed to northbound traffic between West 12th and West 13th streets from 7:30 a.m., Oct. 26, to 5 p.m., Oct. 27, according to the release.

A detour will be posted for all of the road repairs, the release said.

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_____ Cheryl Ivancic _____, being duly sworn, is the designated agent of the Morning Journal, a newspaper printed and of general circulation in the County of Lorain and other districts; and in compliance with sections 7.12 and 5721.1 of the revised code of the State of Ohio amended, effective September 14, 1957; that the attached notice was published.

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